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Extreme makeover, then TV wedding

By Ben Hellman

For once, a drama teacher is getting the spotlight to herself. Andover High School Drama Specialist Susan Sepich left town quickly and unexpectedly earlier this fall to star in the television show *Extreme Makeover*.

While both Sepich and her fiancé have already had the plastic surgery central to the show, they will not see each other — or the results of each other's work — until the day of their wedding. The episode with Sepich and her fiancé will not air until 2004.

Sepich got a phone call from the show's producers in late October. That's when she learned she had been chosen to appear on the show. She was on a plane the next day to California.



Drama teacher
Susan Sepich

In a tearful meeting with students before her trip, she explained that she had to step away from her classroom duties and from directing the AHS musical *Tommy*.

Extreme Makeover is exactly what the title implies. The subjects receive plastic surgery, dental work, hair-styling, make-up and clothes. A popular segment of the program has the subject shopping for clothes while receiving fashion advice.

In an e-mail to the *Townsmen*, Sepich said she has sought plastic surgery in the past, after losing 110 pounds. "It has troubled me for a long time and in recent years I had begun to experience some medical issues around the damaged and loose skin on my body," wrote Sepich. Health insurance would not have covered the surgery, making it impossible for Sepich to afford it, she said.

After Sepich applied for the program, the producers became interested in her boyfriend, Mike Choquette, and both were chosen for makeovers and surgeries. Choquette decided to propose to Sepich on camera for the show and the two will be married at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. in early December. Footage of the wedding will appear on the program.

The show's twist however, is that Sepich and Choquette have not seen each other since their surgeries. The next time they

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PATRIOTIC LIFT



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A balloon release at West Parish Cemetery, with balloons representing Andover veterans who died during the past year, was part of the Andover's Veterans Day services on Tuesday. More photos, page 5.

BRICKSTONE TREE

30,000 lbs., 100 extra branches

By Andrea Gregory

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially at Brickstone Square.

The Brickstone tree — a 96-foot-tall, 30,000-pound Norway Spruce tree — arrived in Andover late last week with a crew of 15 workers. The tree stands as tall as the building behind it.

For 14 years, Brickstone Square has displayed a Christmas tree that brings people from all over the region to Andover.

This year's tree was shipped from the grounds of a hunting lodge in Columbia County, Pa., and put up and decorated by Egan Acres, a tree contractor based in upstate New York. When it arrived last week, there was a lot to be done.

"We engineer these trees, basically. They start off a lot differently than they end up," said James Egan, whose father, John Egan, is president of Egan Acres.

Beneath the ground's surface, a concrete stand holds the tree in place and offers the illusion that the tree could have easily grown right where it is. Eight 1-inch thick cables also keep



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Workers guided the Brickstone Tree into place on Friday, after it arrived in town.

the tree secure.

On Monday night, the Egan Acres crew took a coffee break to talk about everything that went into Andover's biggest Christmas tree. James Egan said they were in the process of adding 100 branches by hand to give the tree a fuller look.

"So you can't even see through it during the day," said James Egan.

A string of lights was draped all over the tree, but workers said they were not all up yet.

According to the crew it was going to take 80 to 100 hours of decorating time, which boiled down to more than 12-hour days to finish the job by their Thursday goal.

It was going to take an hour just to top the tree with a star, said Addie Flisser, a member of the Egan Acres crew. Flisser should know since he is the one who was going to place the star. Flisser said that he would take a hydraulic lift to the top with the star to meet another worker who would climb

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DPW: Drinking water comments 'outrageous'

Health director sticks by statement

By Ben Hellman

Andover officials in charge of the town's drinking water say Andover's water is cleaner than most community's, despite Health Director Everett Penney's statement that there is "a crisis waiting to happen."

Last week, Penney expressed concern about contaminants to Fish Brook, which feeds Haggetts Pond, the town's drinking water source. But Jack Petkus, Department of Public Works director, charged Penney with overstating the issue. "I think it's outrageous. Fish Brook is not a substantial source (of Andover's drinking supply). It's a minor part," said Petkus.

Sodium levels in Haggetts Pond — and in Andover tap water — are low compared to other towns that get their water supply from surface water, said John Polano, Andover water treatment plant superintendent. There has been no detection of gasoline by-products or other contaminants in

town water, despite Penney's stated concerns, he said.

But Penney said the issue of salt and other contaminants needs to be dealt with before the contaminants become health risks. Penney said town leaders need to further protect Fish Brook — a sodium-contaminated stream that is pumped into Haggetts Pond — or they should stop using it as a drinking water source.

The debate began when the amount of sodium in Fish Brook — a five-mile stream that is pumped into Haggetts Pond — was found to be as much as 25 times greater than recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency. The highest readings were taken near a state-controlled salt dump located at the junction of Interstates 495 and 93.

By the time the water gets to Haggetts Pond, the sodium is diluted. As a result, Andover homes get 40 milligrams (or three-quarters of a teaspoon) of

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Five months later, fire-damaged building to fall

By Judy Wakefield

No demolition permit has been filed in Town Offices, but a historic downtown building destroyed by fire nearly five months ago will be coming down soon, according to the town's Preservation Commission chairwoman.

Karen Herman said she talked with a New Hampshire demolition company last week about the burned-out eyesore of a building at 19 Barnard St. She said the company intends to take it down by the end of the month.

"They also plan to demolish the vacant

building next door (former site of Hometown Seafoods) and build something new," Herman said. "I haven't seen any plans and I just hope it's a nice addition to downtown."

She did not know if those new plans for the site involve using it for retail space or office space, and neither did the spokeswoman for the owner of the two buildings.

The two buildings are owned

by Lally Realty of North Main Street and Ronnie Reidy of that office said she was not sure about the future of the buildings. She said she did not know when the buildings were coming down.

"It could be coming down this week or next month," said Reidy. Why has it taken so long for demolition to begin? "Circumstances," replied Reidy. "I just can't say."

It was early in the morning on June 30 when a fire broke out at Andover Livery, which was housed at 19 Barnard St. The fire department said improper disposal of a cigarette was the cause of the 2 a.m. blaze that also destroyed the livery location and Harkins Real Estate, the only other business located in the building. No one was injured in the fire.

Fire Chief Charles Murnane has said two Livery employees were the last people in the building and left at about 12:50 a.m. Flames were noticed by Park Street Pub owner Rick Pruneau

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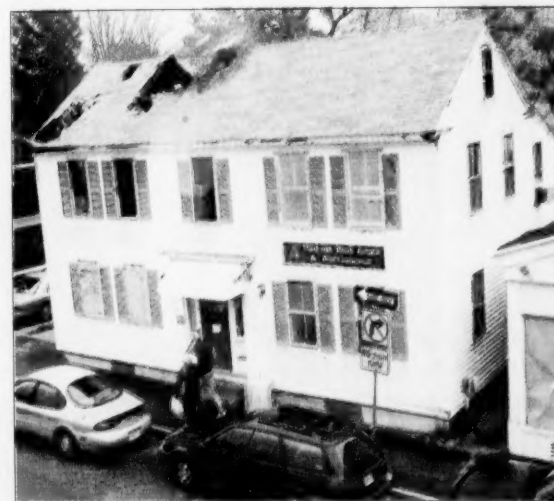


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

As winter approaches, the roof and some second-story windows remain uncovered at 19 Barnard St. The building is expected to be demolished this month.

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PA to honor former Freedom Rider Nov. 19

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, a peace, civil rights and social justice activist, will be honored at Phillips Academy on Wednesday, Nov. 19, when he is awarded the Claude Moore Fuess Award at an all-school meeting.

A 1942 graduate of Phillips Academy, Coffin has "led a varied and accomplished career often taking controversial stands on civil rights and peace issues," said a school press release.

Coffin served as a World War II infantry officer and liaison to the French and Russian armies and later served as a CIA operative, training anti-Soviet Russians for operation within the Soviet Union. He graduated from Yale University in 1949 and later entered Yale Divinity School and received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1956. He was chaplain of Yale University (1957-1975), senior minister of the Riverside Church in New York

City (1977-1987), and president of the nuclear disarmament advocacy group SANE FREEZE (1987-1990).



Bill Coffin, Phillips alumnus

Coffin gained national prominence in the early 1960s as a Freedom Rider, one of a group of activists, black and white, who rode interstate buses in the South to protest segregation laws. He was arrested, but the conviction was later overturned by the US Supreme Court.

During the Vietnam War, he gained national attention after his arrest (along with Dr. Benjamin Spock, graduate of the Phillips Academy class of 1921), on charges of conspiracy to aid military draft resisters. The charges were dropped on appeal.

First awarded in 1967, the Claude Moore Fuess Award honors Phillips Academy alumni for distinguished contribution to public service. The award is named for the academy's 10th headmaster.

20,000 lights will go on Nov. 29

■ TREE

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the tree, and together they would secure it. Flisser said tree climbing was part of the decorating process.

"We all climb it. We have to," said Flisser.

But 20,000 lights are ready to be turned on and 1,250 ornaments and 1,250 red bows now cloak the branches of the giant Brickstone tree.

"It's got to be the most beautiful tree we've put up," said Michael Gencarelli. "This is the heaviest we've ever dealt with."

According to Gencarelli, the tree was 55 years old. He said he counted the rings five times to make sure.

"This is one of the biggest we've ever done," said John Egan, from the base of Andover's biggest holiday decoration.

John Egan said a tree being delivered to Miami, Fla. tops the Andover tree by a couple of feet, but the Andover tree weighs more.

On Saturday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m., a tree-lighting ceremony will turn Brickstone Square into a holiday treat that will be visi-

ble for miles. Every weekend until Christmas kids will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap, ride on a carousel or just admire the view.

Those who come down to Brickstone Square are encouraged to bring an unwrapped new toy for the Toys for Tots program, which distributes holiday gifts to needy children. Proceeds from pictures with Santa will benefit the YMCA.

"Everything went perfectly. We're on schedule. Everything looks good," said Frank Shea, general manager at Brickstone Square. "We've got the Santa's Village. That's pretty much in place."

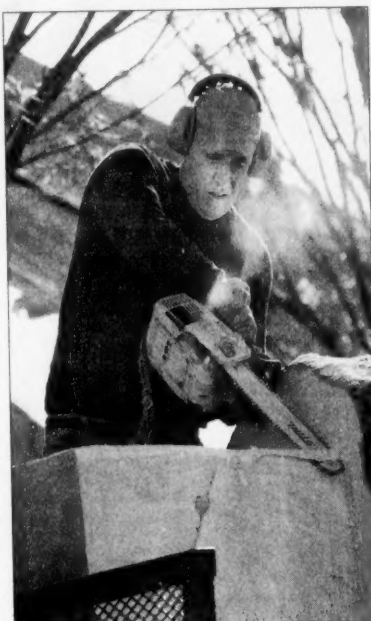
Santa's tent is scheduled to reach Brickstone Square on Nov. 17. This year the tent will have heat and wooden floors, as well as Christmas lights.

"This year, we

thought we would put Santa in a warm environment," said Shea.

Shea said the big step will be the carousel, which is scheduled to arrive the last week of November.

He said Brickstone Square is looking forward to the tree-lighting ceremony and the weekend festivities that will follow.



Donald Breen cuts and shapes the trunk of the Brickstone Tree (left) so that it can be raised by a crane and placed into a hole in the ground. The tree is also secured with cables.

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Fire Dept. earns Life Safety Achievement Award

The Andover Fire Department has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for 2002 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI), a public interest group whose mission is to work with states to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries.

For 10 years, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized Andover as one of the local fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Andover Fire Department qualified for the award in 2002 because it record-

ed no fire deaths in structures during that year. Although residential fires in the U.S. account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of fire deaths, according to a release from the fire department.

The RFSI and the Department of Fire Services are committed to reducing that number. 1,098 fire departments in the US, Canada, Iceland and Puerto Rico to Andover receive the 2002 Life Safety Achievement Award.

"Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public

education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires," Roy L. Marshall, director of the RFSI said. "Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those efforts."

The RFSI advocates the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and teaching people fire-safe behavior. Its principal program is Operation Life Safety, which assists fire departments with implementing residential sprinkler/alarm programs. The RFSI's membership includes the United States Fire Administration, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and private industry associations with an interest in residential fire safety.

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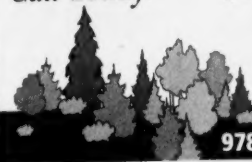
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PAST AND PRESENT



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The house at 11 Shawsheen Road was built in the late 1700s. It was owned by many families whose names are familiar today, in part because streets are named after them. Former owners include: Abbot, Marland, Stevens, Morse, Osgood, Kneeland and many others. The building is now part of the Andover Village Industrial District.

Island cleanup

Alan French is helping to put together a group of people to help remove unsightly debris from a town-owned island on Foster's Pond.

The cleanup will take place Saturday and/or Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those interested in working for an hour or more can contact French at 978-470-1982, or 978-475-4910. They should plan to bring work gloves and warm clothes and meet at 15 Fosters Pond Road.

More information can be found on the Web site www.fosterspond.com.

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Have Nutcracker information? Get it in this week

Calling all *Nutcracker* kids! The *Townsmen* will publish a listing of local students who are performing in *The Nutcracker* on Thursday, Nov. 27, in the Holiday Gift Guide. Parents or dance instructors who would like to provide write-ups and photos for this story must submit them to the *Townsmen*, Attn: Nutcracker, by next Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m.

Following its practice of the last two years, the *Townsmen* plans to package all *Nutcracker* coverage in this special section.

Public hearings for pay as you throw

Two public hearing meetings have been scheduled by the Andover Pay-As-You-Throw Study Group.

The study group is charged by the Andover Board of Selectmen to determine the feasibility of a pay-as-you-throw refuse collection system for Andover. The group is gathering a wide range of input from other municipalities and from outside sources with relevant expertise, and is seeking input from Andover residents to include in the analysis of options, according to Mark Merritt, Andover Pay-As-You-Throw Study Group chairman.

The public hearing meetings are scheduled for next Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the School Committee conference room on the second floor of the school administration building, and Friday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m., also in the School Committee conference room.

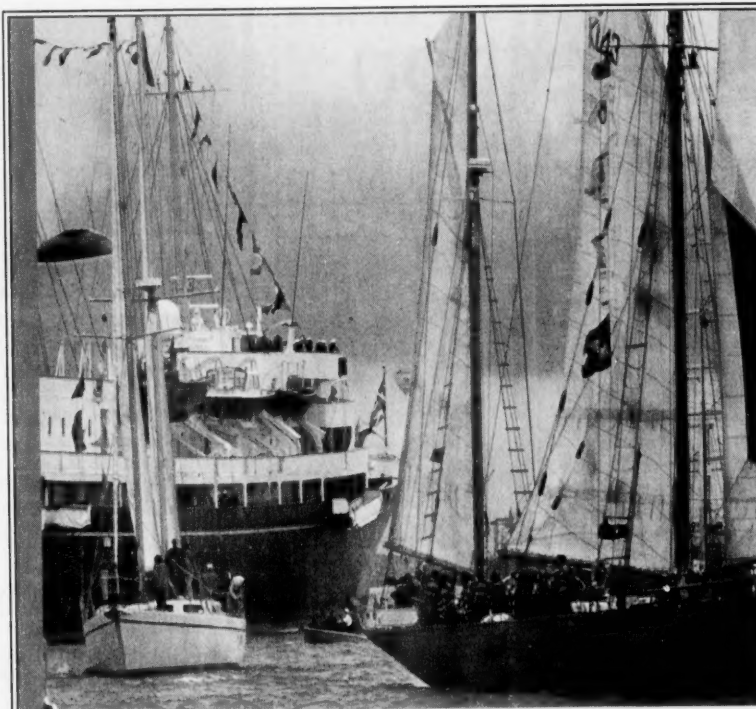
These two meetings have the same content and purpose: to provide Andover residents with an understanding of the PAYT options being evaluated for possible implementation in Andover, and to gather feedback and comments from the public on these options, said Merritt. The two hearings were scheduled at different times of the day to allow the widest possible attendance by those residents interested in this issue, he reported.

Flu clinics offered by town, VNA

Flu clinics for Andover residents are scheduled for today, Thursday, Nov. 13, from 3:30 to 6 p.m., at the Andover High School Field House Gym; Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third-floor conference; Nov. 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Senior Center. Pre-registration forms will be available at the Andover Memorial Hall Library, senior center,

fire and police departments and Town Offices.

VNA Care Network, a non-profit home health care, hospice and wellness provider, will offer flu vaccinations at clinics in eastern and central Massachusetts this fall and winter. In Andover a clinic will be offered at Brooks, 229 North Main St., from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 18.



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AS LONG AS WE DON'T STOP replacing our vehicles, short term it will work. Long term it won't.

— Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director, on the town manager's decision to delay some vehicle replacement requested by department heads. The town will still spend more than \$800,000 on new vehicles. (Story, page 6)

I'M BASICALLY JUST A PAWN. Oh well, I'm a helpful pawn.

— A humble Patrick Scarborough, 11, who helped identify the resting places of veterans in South Church Cemetery. (Story, page 5)

IF PEOPLE SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, like a car or a truck or an individual, that seems out of place, they should call us immediately. We want to get this guy.

— Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo about someone who has been breaking into homes in southern Andover for the past three weeks. (Story, page 4)

News Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 13

West Elementary School Council, West Elementary School, Conference Room, 2:30 p.m.

Pay As You Throw Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 17

Sanborn School Council, 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, staff room, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 12 p.m.

High Plain School Council, media center, 3:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Pay As You Throw Committee, Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Recycling Committee, Town

Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Pay As You Throw Committee, Public Hearing, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21

Pay As You Throw Committee, Public Hearing, School Administration Building, 10 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 24

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Andover Cultural Council, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearing on 45-47 High St., Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Pay As You Throw Committee, Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

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Demolition coming

■ FIRE BUILDING

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about an hour later, and he called the fire department.

Town historical records show the historic building dates back to the late 1800s. The house was owned by Jacob W. Barnard, who had a shoe shop there and employed 200 in the year 1895. They made hand-sewn "ankle ties in goat, dongola, kid and patent leather; men's slippers; ladies' toilet slippers and lace gored buskins; ladies congress boots; and children's and misses' oxfords."

Barnard's son, Henry, eventually branched out and built "the Barnard Block" at Main and Park streets in 1910, replacing a meat market. In 1982, the Barnard block was placed on the National Register of Historic Places after its restoration.

Herman said it is difficult to watch a part of Andover's history be demolished, but her group "does not support keeping a building that is a fire hazard."

"We have photographs and have documented it as much as possible," she said. "It just has to come down."

This week's police log covers incidents from last Tuesday through Monday, Nov. 10.

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 4 - At 7:52 a.m., Lanier Phenix, 30, of 23 Derby St., Waltham, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, driving an uninsured car and driving an uninspected car.

At 12:42 p.m., Philip Cumming, 49, of 22 Lindor Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Friday, Nov. 7 - At 9:35 p.m., Christopher Boshart, 17, of 96 Chestnut St., North Andover, was

arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - At 1:55 a.m., Angel Portillo, 43, of 277 Princeton St., East Boston, was arrested and charged with a fourth offense of driving under the influence, a marked lanes violation and a lights violation.

Monday, Nov. 10 - At 3:21 p.m., Frank Gomez, 26, of 37 Cedar St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

POLICE LOG

THEFTS

Tuesday, Nov. 4 - At 5:24 p.m., a North Main Street business employee reported her wallet stolen.

Thursday, Nov. 6 - At 1:31 p.m., an Andover High School assistant principal reported the theft of a wallet, and that drug paraphernalia was found on one of the kids in question.

At 3:13 p.m., a wallet and cellular phone were reported stolen on South Main Street.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - At 1:07 p.m., a cell phone was reported stolen

from a car at an AHS football game.

At 8:48 p.m., eight wallets were reported taken from the Andover High School cafeteria. Police were looking for a Hispanic male, 5-foot 7-inches tall, in a white hooded sweatshirt and baggy jeans.

BREAKS

Thursday, Nov. 6 - At 8:20 p.m., a Crescent Drive resident reported her home broken into.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - At 9:16 a.m., a Shaw Drive resident reported her home broken into with little damage and nothing discovered missing yet.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 4 - At 12:32 p.m., a child on Andover Street reportedly threw a duck to the ground, killing it.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 - At 9:21 p.m., a man was trapped in the Bay-Bank ATM area and was only freed by passing his ATM card outside to a lawyer who was leaving a nearby building. The lawyer used the card to unlock the door from outside.

Thursday, Nov. 6 - At 7:45 a.m., a door on the roof of the Wood Hill Middle School was damaged by someone trying to get in.

At 12:03 p.m., a Walnut Avenue resident reported that a man her landlord hired to work on her apartment was caught going through her dresser drawers.

Monday, Nov. 10 - At 9:56 p.m., a woman reported being touched inappropriately a week before on Main Street.

At 12:19 p.m., a woman on Juniper Road reported that a squirrel got in her bedroom and she was trying to capture it.

At 4:02 p.m., a solicitor was asked to leave town after talking to kids on Robinswood Way about free pizza.

At 5:06 p.m., a Stevens Street resident reported a possible identity theft.

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The owner of the fire-damaged 19 Barnard St. and the building next door plans to demolish both buildings and build new ones, said Karen Herman, Preservation Commission chairwoman.

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Identifying town's oldest veterans

By Andrea Gregory

Two moms and their sons tried to ensure that every veteran buried in the South Church Cemetery was properly honored on Veterans Day with a flag.

The task was not as easy as one might think, according to the crew. Sticking the flags in the ground was the easy part. But some gravestones are so old and worn they can hardly be read, some stones are missing and some flags have been placed near the wrong graves.

Charlotte Lyons, of Steen Circle, took on the mission of identifying everyone who is buried in South Church Cemetery a year and a half ago. She said no one had done a survey of the cemetery since 1932.

Lyons paired up with fellow South Church member Lynn Scarborough, of River Road. Their sons Griffin Lyons, 10, and Patrick Scarborough, 11, came along to help, too.

"We started a survey of all the gravestones," said Charlotte Lyons, who headed the project. The purpose was to identify everyone who was buried behind the church and fix or replace broken and missing stones.

Charlotte Lyons said about a century ago a fire destroyed many of the records that would have made her task easier. While conducting an inventory of exactly who is buried in the cemetery, they came across veterans' flags that were misplaced or missing. It showed the need for another project.

"The veterans' marking was one more project that spun off of this. We mapped where all the flags and markers were," she said. "Flags were (placed) at children's graves, and we said, this can't be right."

"A lot of stones were worn down so badly we couldn't read them," said Griffin Lyons.

Charlotte Lyons said it took good light, a mirror, a flashlight, and toothbrushes to read the older stones. The group completed a lot of research of the site to make sure they would not miss anyone. For Charlotte Lyons, that meant 20 to 30 hours of work per week, she said.

"It's a who, what, when, where, how thing. Basically we're honoring (veterans)," said Patrick Scarborough, adding humbly, "I'm basically just a pawn. Oh well, I'm a helpful pawn."

Both mothers said it was a great way for the boys to be outside while learning about Andover's history.

"This is Andover's oldest museum," said Charlotte Lyons, of the cemetery.

Charlotte Lyons said unfortunately the cemetery was about 70 flags shy on Veterans Day, but they were planning to continue their work and eventually see every flag in place.

According to Doherty, state law requires that flags be placed at the grave sites of all veterans before Memorial Day, but Andover takes the initiative to make sure new flags are in place twice a year. "This is where the bulk of them are located," said Doherty standing at the entrance to the South Church Cemetery.

Charlotte Lyons said 16 grave stones have been identified as missing, four belonging to veterans. She said she expects to use flags to mark where the veterans' bodies are buried, until replacement stones arrive.

"They have to be identified as veterans, and what better way than with a flag," said Doherty.

VETERANS DAY



Andover residents publicly reflected on Veterans Day during ceremonies at three locations.

Above, left: Framed by American Legion Post 8's flag, 1st Lt. Jeff Arleque of the Army National Guard played *Taps* at West Parish Cemetery on Tuesday as part of Andover's ceremonies honoring veterans.

Above, right: Robert Dinwoodie of the Clan MacPherson played his bagpipes at Spring Grove Cemetery.

At right: Guest speaker Joe Augusta, commander of DAV 18, saluted during the playing of *Taps* at Ballardvale Green.



PHOTOS
BY
TIM JEAN

Bottom left photo: From left, Leo Doherty, Warren Kearn, Al Dusey and Bill McCarthy of the American Legion Post 8 offered a rifle salute at Ballardvale Green.

Bottom right photo: State Sen. Susan Tucker placed a floral tribute at Ballardvale Green honoring veterans.



Griffin Lyons, 10, and Patrick Scarborough, 11, have worked to identify veterans graves behind South Church.

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At 5:50 p.m., a Jordyn Lane resident reported that when he went into his basement he heard someone scream. The resident ran outside of his house. A bulkhead in the back would have allowed someone in the basement to escape undetected.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 5 - At 12:34 p.m., a car was broken into on Haverhill Street.

At 3:49 p.m., a car was broken into on Frontage Road.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, Nov. 7 - At 7:08 a.m., there was a car accident with injuries on Coventry Lane.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - At 4:02 p.m., an accident on High Plain Road led to injury.

At 10:23 p.m., a car rolled over and spun 180 degrees on Holt Road and the passengers were trapped. There was report of injuries.

Sunday, Nov. 9 - At 2:47 p.m. an accident on Lowell Street led to injuries.

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Town-vehicle accidents rose 62% last year

Cost minimal; many accidents minor, covered by insurance, says town

By Andrea Gregory

Town vehicles were involved in 62 percent more accidents during fiscal year 2003 than during the previous year. But officials said most of these accidents were minor and the bulk of the repair costs were assumed by the town's insurance.

The number of motor-vehicle accidents involving town vehicles jumped from 29 in FY02 to 47 in FY03. Town-owned vehicles have been in another 11 accidents since July.

But the expense to the town has been minimal. For example, the 11 accidents since July resulted in \$10,608 worth of damage, according to the town. The town has paid \$1,951 of this total and its insurance picked up the rest. The town is also paying less for insurance this year than last.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the town does not want to see anyone get hurt and does not want to face increased vehicle-repair costs.

Based on the town's history in both categories, Andover is in pretty good shape, he said.

"It's weather conditions. It's the roads," he said, explaining the increase in accidents. "As town manager, I'm not overly worried about the number of accidents. We're going to have accidents. That's why we have insurance."

For the past two years, the town has paid a total of about \$5,000 in deductibles per year.

Out of the 47 accidents in FY03, 29 were small enough that they could be handled without involving the insurance company. Stapczynski said every accident a town vehicle is involved in, no matter how small, is supposed to be recorded in the town's records.

"We have a lot of good drivers. Accidents are a fact of life," said Brian Pattullo, police chief.

"If you look at the size of these vehicles and the size of the streets they have to go down and the weather conditions, it's understandable that they would be in a few accidents," said Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities director.

"Most of the accidents are small fender benders."

Piantadosi said he remembers three accidents involving vehicles in his department that were parked and hit by other drivers.

"I'm not seeing any trends," said Jack Petkus, public works director.

The town's insurance premi-

um, in fact, dropped from \$132,459 in fiscal year 2003 to \$92,361 in fiscal year 2004, though Stapczynski said the decrease had nothing to do with accident numbers.

"The market has changed," he said.

He said after Sept. 11 the market "turned hard," and insurance prices rose. "It's normalized now," he said.

"We went out to bid and that's reflected in this," said Elaine Shola, purchasing agent and insurance coordinator.

Shola said even with the new rate, the deductible for the town is still \$500 per accident.

According to Stapczynski, the town over budgeted for the cost of insurance by about \$76,000. He said some of that money will be used to pay deductibles, but more of it should make its way into free cash.

"A portion of that \$76,000 would go to free cash," he said. "We got lucky."

Town manager:

Town should spend \$800K to replace vehicles

By Andrea Gregory

The town owns 148 vehicles – and next year it might own one more.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is recommending that Andover add a new van to Andover Youth Services and spend more than \$800,000 to replace older vehicles.

Town departments had asked for more than \$1.2 million to replace older vehicles or add to the town's vehicle total.

"The chance of getting something new was very, very slim," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Andover Youth Services is the only department that was budgeted to gain a vehicle for the coming fiscal year. Stapczynski said AYS has been renting an extra vehicle for the summer months, and buying a van would be more cost-effective. The town is willing to pay \$25,000 for a new Ford 15 passenger van.

As for the other departments, not all of their driving dreams are going to be met in fiscal year 2005. Department heads say they understand the town manager's decision, given the town's financial situation, but note that continually delaying vehicle replacement will ultimately cost the town.

"If you don't replace them, your maintenance expenses go up," said Brian Pattullo, police chief.

"As long as we don't stop replacing our vehicles, short term it will work. Long term it won't," said Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities director. "I try to keep the vehicles as long as I can."

The police department will receive \$52,000 less than Pattullo had hoped, but four cruisers will be replaced at \$31,000 each. A 4x4 utility vehicle will also be replaced, for \$34,000.

The fire department is set to receive what it asked for – a \$600,000 rescue vehicle that will replace a 1984 Mack aerial ladder. This request was delayed previously.

Piantadosi and Jack Petkus, public works director, requested \$526,000 to take care of all town-vehicle needs, except for fire and police vehicles. Stapczynski's recommenda-



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The town has delayed replacing some of the fire department's older vehicles in recent years, though the town did acquire a new ambulance (above) in 2001, due to an emergency need. This year, the town manager has recommended that the fire department replace a 1984 Mack aerial ladder with a new \$600,000 rescue vehicle.

tion is for \$216,000. Petkus said his workers tend to spend longer hours driving than some other departments. He points out that putting off replacing vehicles lowers their trade-in value and can increase their maintenance costs. He said specialty equipment, with the exception of street sweepers, generally has a longer life span than most vehicles.

Petkus said he understands that this is a hard time for the town, and not every vehicle that should be replaced is going to be.

"I would much rather put off the purchase of a vehicle than lay off a person," he said.

Stapczynski said, even in a good year, original requests are not matched 100 percent of the time, "and they won't be when the economy returns."

How would his recommendation differ if the town was in a better financial situation?

"We would replace a few more," he said.

"The scrutiny we gave this year is very similar to the scrutiny we give every year," he said. "We look at mileage. We look at usage. We look at the wear and tear on the engine."

Stapczynski said he plans to keep his town-provided 2000 Le Sabre custom sedan until FY2008, and he was behind the wheel of his previous town car for about the same amount of time. He acknowledges other vehicles won't hold out as long as his and will call for replacements sooner.

"In eight years, mine will probably have 100,000 to 120,000 miles," he said, adding a vehicle such as the youth services van might rack up that mileage in half the time.

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Education

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

By Ben Hellman

College Crunch

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Steve Sherman, a financial consultant from Smith Barney in New York City, will be on hand to help parents plan. Sherman will let parents know about the advantages of Section 529 College Savings Plans, which benefit from federal tax advantages.

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PHOTO BY KRISTEN HUNT

At the recent cross-country race involving 85 students in five elementary schools are, from left: Drew Gath, Conor Davidson, Donny Hunt, Mike Galletti, Will Ossoff and Bennett Dedy.

Keeping the Pace

Fourth- and fifth-graders from the five elementary schools ran a cross-country race last week. The event was held around the Wood Hill Middle School soccer fields, and was 100 to 150 yards short of a mile.

Eighty-five students participated. Winners of the events were:

- ▶ Samantha Hall, fourth grade, Bancroft – time: 6:18
- ▶ Ryan Cooney, fourth grade, High Plain – time: 5:55
- ▶ Natalie Gomez, fifth grade, Bancroft – time: 6:16
- ▶ Brian Knapp, fifth grade, Bancroft – time: 5:46

In previous years, the event was held at the Andover High School track and was organized by the schools' physical education teachers. School budget cuts would have prevented the race this year, if parents hadn't stepped in, said dad Steve Knapp.

"This is as close as we could make it (to what) was done in the past," said Knapp.

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WHAT'S UP

HOMECOMING WEEK

A massive infusion of school spirit at AHS

By Kyra Auffermann
What's Up intern

SCHOOL SPIRIT made a comeback at Andover High last Friday, starting with an enthusiastic school-wide pep rally, which evolved into a well attended tailgate party, followed by the football game and then a dance.

The fall sports teams, dance club, color guard and marching band all participated in the rally, performing an assortment of acts for the rest of the school body. Ranging from the cheerleader's gymnastics to the field hockey team's rendition of a dance from the movie *Old School* to junior Felicia Thompson, who was co-master of ceremonies of the rally along with senior Dale Spollett, who was proudly wearing a yellow Teletubby costume. "Everybody came together in the end, which was good," says Ashley Beaucaire, a senior, who helped organize the event.

Organizers included other members of Peter Hall's advisory, David Arias' advisory and GLAM, a club for girls supervised by Mary Robb and Ruth Masters.

"Since there's no student government this year and we weren't doing anything productive in our advisories, we wanted to do something to involve the whole school," says senior Allison LaSaffre, who also helped with the event. "Overall, it was pretty well organized. The emcees did a good job."

The event was handled primarily by students, who were responsible for details ranging from the decorations to organizing and scheduling the sports teams. There were a few setbacks in the event, mainly that the sound system wasn't easily heard by the audience, but

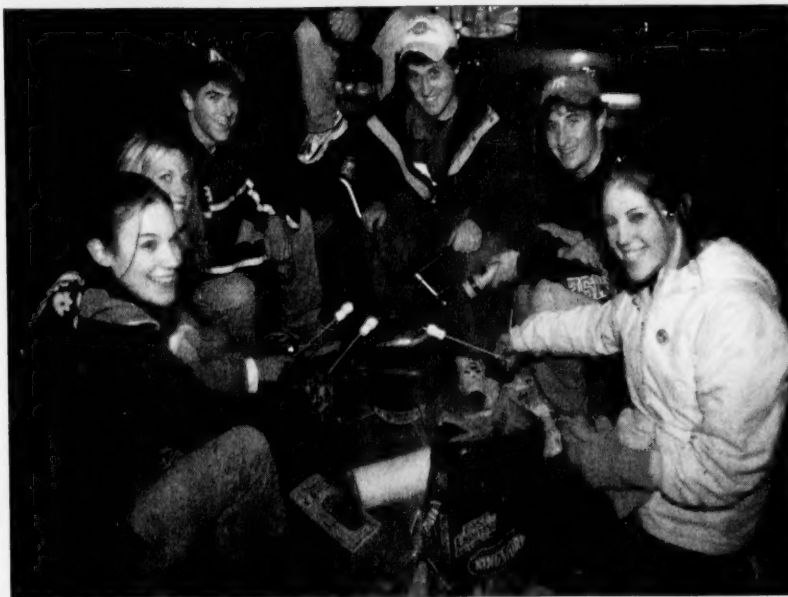


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Grillin' and chillin' – A homecoming tailgate party was held last Friday, Nov. 7 at Andover High before the football game against Chelmsford. From left are Allison LeSaffre, Chrissy McSweeney, Jonnie Volinski, Nick Barash, Dan Jordan and Amy Stewart.

Beaucaire commented that, ultimately, "it came together pretty well."

"I think it was a successful pep rally," says Spollett, who noticed that there was good attendance at the game and dance. "It got everyone motivated and into school spirit, even if it was just for that one block."

Before the football team's 7:30 p.m. game against Chelmsford, there was tailgating in the field house parking lot.

Several small grills were cooking hamburgers and roast-

ing marshmallows, and student bands Coside and Grimis performed.

"It was a lot of fun," says senior Pete Michelinie of Grimis. "People were just enjoying the music and having a good time – even though it was freezing cold."

Ben Carter, a senior and Coside member, agreed, saying,

"It went really well. There was a good turnout, despite the cold. It was awesome. There were a lot of seniors, which was cool."

Then there was the football game. "I have nothing good to

say about that game," says defensive back Josh Burke of the 42-12 loss. But he reluctantly added, "It was cool to have so many people come together."

The bleachers were full for the game – and there was an abundance of atmosphere, complete with the Eagle mascot wandering around and interacting with spectators.

Phuongnhu Nguyen, a senior, expressed a popular sentiment saying, "We lost, but it was fun to hang out with people."

► **WHAT'S UP** is written by kids for kids. The feature also highlights activities available for younger Andover residents. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsmen.com.

Illuminating the path to college

At Northern Essex, Andover resident Irene Chalek helps adults bridge academic gaps

By Alan Chitoff

People questioning whether they are academically prepared to tackle college work might benefit from a free program offered by Northern Essex Community College.

More than 50 people already have used the program – and they have an Andover woman to thank for it.

Andover resident Irene Chalek, assistant dean of transitional and adult services at Northern Essex Community College, has been a guiding force

behind the college's successful Transition to College Program.

Transition to College helps GED recipients, nonnative English speakers and high school graduates "prepare, gain access to and persist in college," Chalek said. More than two-thirds of the students who have taken the program have enrolled in college.

The program was first offered by Northern Essex as a pilot project in the spring of 2001 with funding from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Edu-

cation. The program is currently funded though December 2004 by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and the New England Literacy Resource Center.

The pilot was designed to help future students who might head off to college unprepared, easily become overwhelmed and drop out.

The one-semester course includes instruction in reading, writing, pre-college algebra, and basic computer skills. "It is designed to help adults

bridge the academic gaps between the GED, ADP, ESOL classes and college-level courses," Chalek said.

Chalek has been involved with the program from the start. She wrote the original proposal and has seen the program grow steadily since its inception. "The College Survival Skills component includes intro to college, goal-setting, time and stress management, listening and note-taking skills, and test-taking strategies," she said. "And we recently added a support and follow-

up component that will allow us to stay in touch with students while they are in college."

Adult learners who may need additional support as they prepare for college are invited to participate in the free program. An information night will be held on Nov. 17 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lawrence extension campus, 78 Amesbury St. Class meetings are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, and

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

■ AROUND ANDOVER SCHOOLS

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Parade of Authors for Book Week

Jane Langton, author of *The Fledgling* and other books in a series known as the Concord series, will visit Wood Hill Middle School next week for Children's Book Week. Langton is the latest of several authors and journalists to visit the school this fall, said media specialist Justine Quimby.



Jane Langton

Langton will be talking about her new book, *The Time Bike*, for which she is a nominee for the Massachusetts Children's Book award. *The Time Bike* features Eddy and Eleanor, protagonists from *The Fledgling* and other Concord series novels. They use "the time bike" to change events in the future and past. Langton, who resides in Lincoln, Mass., will meet with students Tuesday morning.

Quimby has invited a roster of authors and journalists to get kids excited about reading. Author Laura Williams McCaffrey visited earlier this fall and *Townsmen* photographer Tim Jean taught a special class on photojournalism.

Peter Crowell, author of *Silverlance: The Tales of True Adventure*, planned to visit the school on Wednesday after *Townsmen* presstime.

SCHOOL TALK

Shawsheen School invites the public to its annual book fair Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Banbury Cross Children's Book Shop** will provide books appropriate for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, including recent award-winning titles as well as old favorites.

"Support the Shawsheen School library and take this opportunity to enrich the lives of children with quality books," said a spokesperson for the fair.

Join in the fun of celebrating children, books and reading during **National Children's Book Week**. Next Thursday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m., Nicolette Heavey, a.k.a. "The Storyweaver," will return to **Memorial Hall Library** for a program called "Once Upon a Time." The Storyweaver will share fairy and folktales from around the world. Tickets will be available beginning today, Nov. 13. The event, for ages 5 and older, is sponsored by the **Friends of Memorial Hall Library**.

Also to celebrate Children's Book Week the library welcomes local children's book illustrator **Vicky Enright** on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Enright has illustrated several children's books, including her most recent, *Read Anything Good Lately?* written by **Susan Allen and Jane Lindaman**. Using her most recent book, Enright will share ideas about illustrating and talk about upcoming projects. This program is recommended for ages 4-7. Tickets will be available beginning Nov. 15. For more information, contact the Children's Room at 978-623-8401, Ext. 39.

Parents can see the results of their child's first marking period and also enjoy a nice dinner at Parent Report Card Night at **Greater Lawrence Technical School** on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Report cards will be distributed, and both academic teachers and technical program instructors will be available to talk to parents and guardians about their child's progress.

The GLTS class of 2005 and the school chapter of SkillsUSA-VICA will offer a feast for Reggie families from 4 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by SkillsUSA-VICA, the supper is an all-you-can-eat buffet that includes ziti and meatballs with sauce, tossed

LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Nov. 17-21:

Elementary schools

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a bun with raisins, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich with tomato soup, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Nachos with taco meat, cheese and salsa, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Baked stuffed shells, french toast and sausage, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey and stuffing with mashed potato, corn and cranberry sauce, slice of pizza, mozzarella sticks and apple cider.

Wednesday: Pot roast with potato and peas, bakery pizza, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn dog, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs with chips, fruit, veggie, milk and apple crisp.

Secondary schools

Monday: Meatloaf with mashed potato, macaroni and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger with fries, meatball sub with chips, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and meat sauce, bagel pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, meat-filled raviolis, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner, baked stuffed shells, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, milk and apple crisp.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

salad, Italian bread and butter, and beverages. Proceeds from the traditional ice cream social will benefit the class of 2005.

Tickets for dinner and dessert are \$5 each. Tickets should be purchased in advance and are available in the main office, the Four Winds Restaurant, the Reggie Café and the guidance office. The cost of the Ice Cream Social only is \$2, and tickets may be purchased at the door.

St. John's Preparatory School invites prospective students and their families to attend one of its upcoming Admissions Information Sessions scheduled for this Sunday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. For more information, call the admissions office at 978-774-1050, Ext. 304.

Paving the way to college at NECC

■ IRENE CHALEK

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will begin in January.

Chalek preferred to downplay her role in the success of the program.

"It is rewarding to see tangible results for the hard work, investment and commitment of the staff and the students," she admits. She believes that by enrolling in the program, more local students can gain the skills needed to have a successful and rewarding college experience.

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Opinion

A chance to help, beautify

A few years ago, a group of students and residents tackled what resident and nature enthusiast Alan French refers to as "the mink cage caper."

A ravine in Harold Parker State Forest — near the site of a former mink farm — was filled with mink cages, tires, car parts and other discarded junk. Rather than just leave the garbage there, a group of residents took action. A "bucket brigade" of people helped remove the debris. In particular, Andover High School and Phillips Academy students worked together to clean the site. The town provided a dumpster for the garbage. Quickly, the eyesore was eliminated.

Now French wants to recreate the effort and address a new eyesore (see page 3). In the middle of Foster's Pond, there is an island that until recently was the site of a dilapidated home. The home was torn down this year, but large piles of debris remain on the island, visible from shore. French hopes to put together another bucket brigade of people next weekend, Nov. 22 and 23 from 9 to 4 p.m. to move the debris from its location atop a hill to the water's edge. People can work one hour, or more. After the debris is carried to the edge of the island, boats will be used to carry the material across the pond to a resident's property. The town will provide a dumpster.

The work won't be easy, given the brush that covers the island. The days could be cold. However, the cleanup presents an opportunity for those interested in conservation and community service to get involved. It's the type of effort every town needs to address the little things that make it a little bit better place to live.

Web question

Tummy tuck, nose job or more — would you do it on television?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: What should be done about high sodium levels in Fish Brook?

26 people voted.

11, or 42 percent, said, "The town leaders' first responsibility is the safety of the residents. It should be a top priority to keep dangerous pollutants out of the water supply."

6, or 23 percent, said "The town should look into the matter, but not overreact. Steps should be taken to cut back the amount of sodium in the water."

9, or 35 percent, said, "The town should halt all chemical use near the town water supply and stop building near Fish Brook until this problem is solved."

No one voted "Other."

This week's Web-site question is: If given the chance to be on a show such as *Extreme Makeover*, would you go on the show for free plastic surgery and a new look?

• Yes, of course I'd like to look better, and why not — it's free.

• Yes, I'd feel good about going on the show because it shows how appearances affect people's confidence.

• No, I'd consider plastic surgery, but I wouldn't do it on TV.

• No, I am happy with myself the way I am and I'd never have plastic surgery to change the way I look.

• Other.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsmen.com.

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GOING CLUBBING



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From left, Rudy Cataldo, Wang Shu and Mike Vancampen got in their final swings of 2003 at Sarkinsian Farms and Driving Range on Tuesday. The range closed for the winter season yesterday, Wednesday.

LETTERS

Gambling efforts should fold

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We completely support Andover Sen. Sue Tucker's efforts to block the growth of gambling opportunities in Massachusetts.

The arguments against using gambling to fund the needs of the state are well known: Gambling is, in effect, a regressive tax that especially impacts our most vulnerable citizens. Overall, it hurts legitimate businesses in the state, in spite of creating some jobs. It leads to serious social problems, which will ultimately be costly to all of us.

In addition, extending casino gambling to the Indian tribes would introduce a host of costly infrastructure problems for our communities to deal with.

We strongly urge continued opposition to any effort to expand gambling in any form in our state.

Helen and Frank Eccles
66 Brookfield Road

The spectrum of Alzheimer's

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to comment on your recent article about Alzheimer's and a subsequent letter to the editor. While no one should minimize the impact this disease has on the person with Alzheimer's and their family, there is enormous variability in how Alzheimer's is experienced. Your article and the following letter represent two points on the spectrum of this experience. We are very appreciative that for the first time we have treatments that impact the progression of Alzheimer's and we have a number of community and residential care options that provide remarkable therapeutic benefits. Furthermore, these care options are vital for caregivers. One of our sayings is that you cannot "do Alzheimer's alone." Family members, care professionals, and the Alzheimer's Association comprise an effective partnership to provide the most effective and sensitive care possible. As the author of the letter indicated, living with Alzheimer's can be stressful. The Alzheimer's Association has a telephone Helpline, staffed 24 hours a day. Please call us at 800-548-2111; we are there to help. I want to close by emphasizing how much progress we have made on the scientific front. As the largest private funder of Alzheimer's-related research in the nation, we are very optimistic that in the coming years, we will have significant treatment options available, moving us much closer to our vision of a World Without Alzheimer's.

James Wessler
President and CEO
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Cambridge

Does leaf dump need supervision to work correctly?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

This past weekend was leaf weekend!

Members of the Andover Recycling Committee were pleased to notice that many people used the leaf dump this past weekend. There was a person staffing the site and everything seemed to work smoothly. On behalf of the committee, we want to acknowledge those who used the site and the example they set.

Old and young people came. They brought leaves only (not brush, not grass clippings). They dumped their leaves inside the leaf dump area on the concrete pad, as the town requests. They removed their plastics bags after empty-

ing them.

All of this is exactly what we would hope for.

Unfortunately, this is not the case every day. On Sunday, there was no one staffing the site. One of the recycling committee members brought leaves and saw problems evolve. Landscapers and trucks dumped outside the barricade. Other residents followed suit. They left a mess for the town to clean up Monday morning. We've heard a number of neighbors complain about the "mess" they often see at the leaf dump.

It seems that Andover residents can use the leaf dump the right way with just a little bit of supervision or guidance but that, without supervision, the

leaf dump quickly gets out of control and even well-meaning residents can't get inside to place their leaves properly. We encourage residents to offer suggestions either to the recycling committee or the Department of Public Works as to how to improve the situation (i.e., additional staff on Sundays, gate open with traffic cones marking areas to drop leaves, special instructions for dumping dump trucks and trailers, etc.). To make suggestions, visit the Andover Recycling Committee Web site at www.town.andover.ma.us/recycle, or call the DPW.

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Iraq and America

Native Americans deserve reconstruction money

Editor, *Townsmen*:

America prides itself in seeking justice, equity, and fairness for all nations throughout the world. We send our young men and women to distant lands to fight in support of many who cannot fight for themselves, to free them from tyranny, oppression, and to restore their rights and their dignity.

In support of this principle, the US Senate, on Nov. 4, approved \$87 billion to continue to finance our troops in Iraq and to aid in the reconstruction of the country. This action was well covered by the media.

But there was another Senate action on Nov. 4 that didn't make the front page. There was a speech presented by Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota to a sparsely attended session. Daschle described the injustices and inequities suffered by another nation of people that have persisted far longer than the transgressions of Saddam Hussein against the people of Iraq. A nation of people who did nothing wrong, other than to be in the way of progress and "manifest destiny." I speak of the nation of Native Americans.

For well over a century, the US government, acting as a trustee, promised and never made good on treaties, agreements, and assurances to possibly as many as 500,000 American Indians. The Indian Trust Fund was created to compensate American Indians for royalties and other revenues from oil drilling, mining, grazing, and timber harvesting gained from the use of lands owned by American Indians but under the control of the US Government.

According to Daschle, the accumulated sum of royalties due to legal recipients could exceed \$100 billion.

To add insult to injury, a recently approved conference report prepared to support the Interior Department annual budget included language that sought to nullify a recent federal court ruling that had ordered an immediate accounting by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of all funds due and payable to American Indian landholders throughout the United States.

In my travels across America in the past several years, I have seen some of the impoverished conditions in which

Native Americans live, including the lack of educational opportunities, woefully inadequate housing, and almost nonexistent health care. Here is an unequivocal example of how our government has denied a nation of people the fairness, justice, and equity justly due them right here in America. And yet we criticize others in far away lands for the same contemptible actions.

When I see signs and placards that proclaim "God Bless America," "Proud to be an American," or "United We Stand," are the injustices and abuses that Native Americans have endured for over a century at the hands of the US government what they are promoting? I think not.

If we can reconstruct a foreign country in an effort to help right the wrongs of one dictator who exploited a sovereign nation during the past 30 years, surely we can do no less for another nation of people that has been cheated and has suffered egregiously for well over a century as a result of our government's dishonesty, injustice and lack of fairness.

John F. Zipeto
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THE THURSDAY FILE

No stream rises higher than its source. Whatever man might build could never express or reflect more than he was. He could record neither more nor less than he had learned of life when the buildings were built.

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Secrets. Need to disguise. The novel was born of this.

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The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file on the Internet. The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

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Red Spring Road wall being studied

By Andrea Gregory

The buckling, old masonry wall that holds up Red Spring Road is a problem that has been overlooked for too long, and needs replacement — urgently. To wait any longer could pose a safety risk and require the town to shut down the road.

That was the message from town officials at the 2003 Town Meeting, when it asked residents to approve \$400,000 to replace the wall along Red Spring Road. Now, as winter approaches, workers are studying what kind of wall will be used. Work is not expected to begin until at least next spring, said Jack Petkus, Department of Public Works director.

The wall varies in height from three to 10 feet, and runs about 200 feet along Red Spring Road, between Cuba Street and Shawsheen Road. It keeps the road and sidewalk intact, and prevents the road area from crumbling into the Shawsheen River. In the early 1980s, a section of the wall collapsed and was repaired. Workers have patched the wall other times as well.

Jack Petkus, public works director, said the wall is about 80 years old, and due to be replaced. He said he has the money in hand for the new wall, and studies to determine what will replace the structure are being completed.

He said there are about a dozen options — from steel to concrete and stone — regarding exactly what type of wall will hold up Red Spring Road in the future.

"All options are open right now. We're

looking for the best bang for the buck," said Petkus. "My thinking right now is that it's probably going to be (poured) concrete. That's just my guess."

Petkus said the wall is "still hanging in there" when he went to check it out last week. Checks are done by his department every one or two weeks, and, though the wall has shifted in the past, it seems to be stable for the time being, he said.

"If it got to the point where we were

looking at it every day, it would be time to close down the road," said Petkus.

Petkus said there is no guarantee the wall will hold up until it is time to start the actual construction, but traveling down the road is safe for now and the problem is in the process of being corrected.

Construction is scheduled to take place by next May and finish by December 2004, according to the town manager and selectmen's goals and objectives.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Work to replace the troubled retaining wall on Red Spring Road will not begin until after the winter.

State has not responded to meeting request

■ DRINKING WATER

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sodium per liter of water, said Pollano. That's still twice as much as the maximum amount recommended by the EPA.

The amount of sodium — which has increased during the last 20 years — is a problem that needs to be addressed before it becomes harmful, said Penney. In addition to the sodium levels, Penney said he had concerns about contaminants from golf courses, a gas station and residents' properties near Fish Brook. He has requested a meeting with Stephen O'Donnell, the director of the Mass Highway Department's District 4, where Andover sits. Penney's letter stressed elevated levels of sodium contamination as a reason for the meeting.

Penney sent the letter on Thursday, Oct. 24 and hasn't gotten a response. O'Donnell's office would not speak to the *Townsmen*, directing questions to a state public relations office. The public relations office did

not comment by *Townsmen* press time.

Reaction

The water treatment plant received worried phone calls from residents after the publication of Penney's remarks in the Nov. 6 edition of the *Townsmen*.

Pollano said Fish Brook contributes no more than 10 percent of the water in Haggetts Pond. There are times when the stream dries up completely and doesn't contribute any water, he said. The Merrimack River contributes the largest amount of water, 60 percent, he said. All other water gets to Haggetts Pond from rain and snow runoff and any other drainage from the watershed, or the area of land surrounding Haggetts.

But Penney stood by his statements, saying his responsibility as a public health advocate forces him to prevent problems before they have a negative impact. "Prevention is so much more effective than remediation," he said. "I disagree with those people who say the issue is

what comes out of the tap."

Penney said Andover has spent millions of dollars buying land around Andover's watershed. He said Fish Brook must be protected if Andover plans to use it as part of its drinking water system.

Sodium coming from highway road salt and the salt dump has been monitored by DPW. The Andover water treatment plant conducted the tests on Fish Brook that showed high sodium amounts.

Petkus has also asked the state to use a mixture of salt and sand, as Andover does on its roads. Petkus sent his own letter to O'Donnell in 2000 requesting the state declare Interstates 495 and 93 low-salt zones. The water treatment plant also switched from sodium hydroxide to potassium hydroxide as a cleaning agent to cut back on sodium in the water — an expensive move, Penney said.

Sodium removal cost is high
Petkus said removing sodium

from the water would be cost-prohibitive. He believes it is not necessary, as many common foods are higher in sodium than Andover water. "Pick up a can of Campbell's Soup. There's 880 milligrams per liter," he said.

But not everyone can eat Campbell's Soup. Penney said he needs to look out for people with health concerns. "What do I tell those people who are on restricted sodium (or) no-sodium diets?" he asked.

Contaminated gasoline site

Repeated spills by a Mobil gas station on Route 133 requires an on-going cleanup effort by the station. Gasoline distillates have been found in the ground water nearby, but have not been found in Haggetts Pond. "We haven't detected any gasoline byproducts," said Pollano. Tests for other water issues such as Ph levels, alkalinity, heavy metals and organic materials have also come back clean. "The water quality of Haggetts is remarkably stable," he said.

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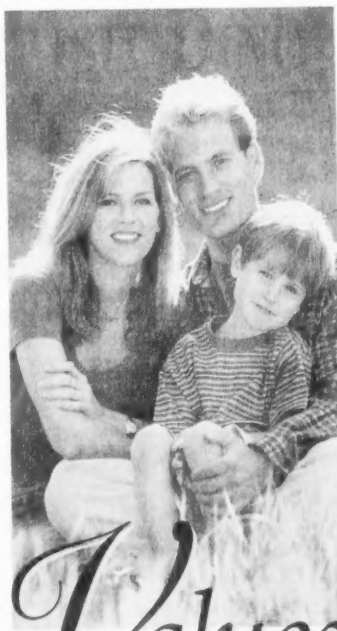
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Townspeople

ON THE SCENE

Party scene booked solid

Thrifty chairwoman: clips and saves

Tina Girdwood, School Committee chairwoman, recycles school department paper clips. Girdwood and all of the other School Committee members get memos, letters and packets of papers every week bound with paper clips.

Girdwood saves the paper clips she gets and gives them back to the superintendent's office periodically, in an effort to save money, said Superintendent Claudia Bach.

— Ben Hellman

Granite State gridiron visitors

This year was the first time the Andover Junior Football League fielded an eighth-grade travel team. And it's been a great season, according to organizers.

In fact, the team tied for first place in the New Hampshire Senior Football League and, as a result, the team was asked to take part in a coin toss to see if Andover could host the championship game. Andover won the toss. So, the travel team's premier season will conclude this Sunday, Nov. 16, when Andover hosts the championship game at noon at Andover High School's Lovely Field.

Selectman Ted Teichert, a longtime member of AJFL's executive board, said 50 Andover eighth-graders are on the team and will be playing in two games this Sunday. He encourages residents to check out the festivities.

"It's going to be a great game and a great time for families," he said.

— Judy Wakefield

This 'Old School'

What better place for Tobias Wolff to introduce Andover readers to his first full-length novel, *Old School*, than in a setting similar to that of his novel.

Wolff will be reading from *Old School* tomorrow, Friday at Phillips Academy in Kemper Auditorium, Chapel Avenue, at 7 p.m.

Wolff is the recipient of numerous literary awards including the PEN/Faulkner Award. Well known for his emotional memoirs *This Boy's Life* and *In Pharaoh's Army*, Wolff takes a different approach — using the craft of fiction — to create *Old School*.

Old School is set in a New England private school and tells the story about famous authors visiting the school.

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Taste of Andover, Andona Ball, wine tasting for Hospice fill social calendar around town

CRAB CAKES! Carrie Christin had so many crab cakes from Palmer's Restaurant at last year's Taste of Andover event she said she thought she just might turn into one.

"Love these," said the convincing Christin, while enjoying the crab cakes once again at this year's event. The Taste of Andover was held last Wednesday night, Nov. 5, at Old Town Hall on Main Street.



ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

Like many attendees, Christin stopped by after work — she works at Raytheon — for some tasty samples from the menus of 15 food-service facilities in Andover. Each set up a table at the event, and nearly 400 food groupies bopped from table to table, tasting what's hot on local menus — like the crab cakes at Palmer's.

"It's our signature dish," Palmer's chef Mark Stout said of the crab cakes with rémoulade sauce, which includes capers and dill. "It's a very popular item on our menu."

For Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, located on River Road, the most popular item on the menu is its bacon-wrapped pork with a cherry and balsamic sauce. It served samples last Wednesday.

"We love it and it sells very well," said chef Peter Casperson, who attends the event every year, noting "we love what we do and we are trying to show that. This is a fun event and it's great exposure."

Nearby, Andover Country Club opted for a holiday food item as they passed figs with spiced pecan and Gorgonzola croissants.

"It's very popular at our holiday parties," said Peter Sweet, operations manager, who added the club is always at the Taste of Andover.

Tracie Williams of Andover said the



Tracie Williams, Kimberly Espinel and Stephen Surette all of Andover, enjoying the food at the Taste of Andover on Wednesday, Nov. 5.



At left, Matt and Kebbi Nowland of Andover headed straight for the desserts at the Taste of Andover. At right, raising a glass are Elaine Carlson of Coldwell Banker and Vincent Cicerchia, owner of Vincenzo's on Main Street.



event is a must-go for Andoverites who enjoy fine food, as it offers an inexpensive way to taste local menus. Tickets were \$20.

"This event is a hidden jewel," she said while nibbling near the Bistro Cassis table. "So many people don't even know about this... it's my first time and I think it's just great."

"This pate is to die for and the gumbo is great," said her friend, Kimberly Espinel of Andover.

Meanwhile, Matt and Kebbi Nowland of Andover went straight for the desserts, as they had been warned to grab them fast, as they go fast.

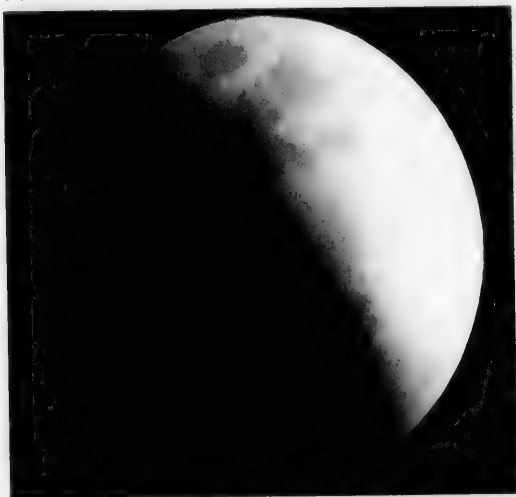
"It's our first time, but people who have

been here have said the desserts run out early, so I got some," laughed Matt Nowland, while struggling to hold a glass of wine with two handfuls of sweet surprises.

Many desserts were made by culinary students at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover. The school always has a strong presence at this event, as its scholarship program for aspiring chefs benefits from the proceeds. This year, people gobbled up their cookies and muffins.

Not too far away, the chocolate-dipped potato chips at Sweet Mimi's table also disappeared quickly, while Andover Liquors supplied the

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◀ Merrill Clark took this photo of Saturday's lunar eclipse.

Total eclipse shades moon over Andover

Saturday's prime-time viewing enjoyed by number of once-and-future skygazers

By Ben Hellman

MANY ANDOVER EYES were looking to the skies on Saturday night. A total eclipse of the moon could be seen clearly, even if cold temperatures made some want to run inside.

Amateur astronomer and photographer Merrill Clark said having clear skies and a lunar eclipse during a full moon created a real treat for astronomy buffs.

"I was kind of talking to the sky, saying, 'Gee, thanks,'" he said.

Clark has taken thousands of photographs of the moon and has had photos chosen for the online forum of *Astronomy* magazine. He took digital pictures of the moon during the eclipse with his daughter's telescope. He said passersby wanted to take a look, too. "We had people walking by, asking to peek," he said.

The eclipse reached totality at 8:06 p.m. Before that, a dark shadow began to cover the moon. During the total eclipse, the moon turned a reddish color.

"You had this soft glowing red ember color," said Clark. "Very subtle. Very, very subtle." Shawshen School students had an open invitation at the observatory at Merrimack Col-

lege and 125 turned out for the event. Space and space exploration is the school theme of the year.

Merrimack College astrophysicist Brian Lankshear and his wife Pat ushered kids and adults into the rooftop dome of the observatory, where they could take a peek at the moon — which appeared many times larger and brighter through the eyepiece of the telescope.

West Elementary School third-grader Maddie Flynn was there with her little brother Collin, a second-grader at Shawshen School, and mom and dad Ray and Melissa Flynn. Maddie was very excited after seeing the

eclipse through the telescope. "It was cool. When you see it, it's very skinny — it's very cool," she said.

Joyce and Jake Hansen were there with their three daughters,

Laura, a sixth-grader at Wood Hill Middle, Audrey, a West Elementary fourth-grader and Diana, a first-grader at Shawshen.

"It's really cool," said Laura.

"I just think it's great that the kids can come and look through the telescope at such a young age," said Margot Gyorgy, a Shawshen PTO mom. Gyorgy and Trisha Gallagher Boisvert

were serving Dunkin' Donuts munchkins, coffee and hot chocolate for free.

Moms Amy Faigel and Ann Cobleigh also helped plan the event at the observatory.



Above left, Shawshen School students Megan Quinn, Maeve Awiszus, Emma Gyorgy and Elli Mapstone watch the sky and warm up with some hot chocolate. Above, classmate Maddie Broccoli gazes through the Merrimack College observatory telescope at the total eclipse.



SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

The Professional Center for Child Development, 32 Osgood St., got a fresh coat of interior paint and a helping hand with outside raking and landscaping Saturday, Nov. 1 when more than 20 volunteers from South Church and the Andover Service Club volunteered their time, energy and talent as part of South Church's annual Day of Service. The volunteer event, held yearly on All Saints' Day, is coordinated by Janet Clarke of South Church, who enlisted the help of 260 parish members.

Volunteers committed to tackling projects throughout the Andover area, helping elder residents with home chores and repairs and completing projects for local non-profit agencies. From left are: Patrick and Lynn Scarborough, South Church members; Rev. Kate Kallis, associate pastor of South Church; Veryl Anderson, executive director, Professional Center for Child Development; John Roberts, Andover Service Club and PCCD board of directors; and Charlie Cutler, South Church member/PCCD board of directors.



ON THE SCENE



Moonlight Magic — The 51st Andona Ball lured a total of 225 people with the glow of an evening of dinner and dancing. From left, Carla Byrne, Susan Walsh, Joanne Heim, event chairwoman, and Dottie Gorrie, all of Andover and members of event committee, look over the evening's program at Atkinson Country Club, Saturday evening, Nov. 8. The annual ball is a fundraiser for Andover youth.

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wine and soda, complimentary with a ticket.

Ron Hill, president of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event, was worried about slow ticket sales a week before the event, but was pleasantly surprised when 396 — all but four of them — were sold by last Wednesday.

"It's just a great time for everyone involved. Businesses show what they have and the people love it," he said.

Last Friday, Old Town Hall, also called the Town House, was the scene for the second annual All American Wine Tasting event that benefits Merrimack Valley Hospice. Karrie Eaton, who handles public information for the group, said some 200 tasters enjoyed wines from all around the country. Plus, some hard-to-get wines were auctioned as generous private collectors donated

prized bottles to the event. Tickets were \$50. The event also served as a get-together for hospice staff members and the families and friends of former hospice patients, Eaton said. Merrimack Valley Hospice serves families in local communities, including Andover, and is located on Merrimack Street in Lawrence.

The Andona Society chose a new location for its annual ball this year, as organizers said it was time for a change. The group's Moonlight Magic ball was held Saturday night at Atkinson Country Club in Atkinson, N.H. Some 225 people enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing. Tickets were \$150 per couple. This marked the 51st consecutive ball for the group, which is an Andover institution. Some 200 local women serve as current and former members of Andona, which runs numerous fundraisers — such as Clown Town — for various Andover youth programs.

The Lawrence History Center will sponsor its first Appraisal Day event this Sunday, Nov. 16, from noon until 3:30 p.m. The location will be at the Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitor Center, third floor, at 1 Jackson St., Lawrence.

Of the nine appraisers planning to attend the event, three are from Andover: Sandra Dent of Windsorian Collectibles, Bob Frishman from Bell-Time Clocks, and David Rodger from Andover Books & Prints. Admission is free, and there is a charge of \$5 for each item to be appraised. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. There will be a raffle prize a seasonal, dry, floral centerpiece donated by Betsy Williams of The Proper Season, 155 Chestnut St.

For more information, call 978-686-9230.

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the R.S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology will cosponsor a program Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Tonya Lardy will speak on "Daily Living Beyond the Stones and Pots." The lecture at the Peabody Museum, at the corner of Main and Phillips streets, is free and open to the public.

Call the Peabody Museum at 978-749-4490.

TOWN TALK

THIS 'OLD SCHOOL'

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Tana Sherman, public information director at Phillips Academy, says Phillips is not the backdrop for the story, but the school is looking forward to Wolff's visit.

The event is free and open to the public.

— Andrea Gregory

Elvis sighting

Elvis Presley — or a close facsimile of him — was seen wandering the hallways of Andover High School last week before Galaxy of Stars Supershow, a Las Vegas impersonators show, performed.

Some students also saw "Neil Diamond" and others arrive for the Collins Center show just before school let out last Thursday, Nov. 6.

— Ben Hellman

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago — 1903

The sewing school for the coming winter will open tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Guild House.

Smith & Dove have had a whistle installed at their factory in Abbot Village. The whistle will be blown on commencement of work.

John W. Tarbox, who for many years has been a resident of this town, has moved to Worcester where he is employed.

Another false alarm was pulled in on Wednesday night at 10:30, the box being situated at the corner of Phillips and Central streets.

Wallace Angus will attend the Yale-Princeton game at New Haven tomorrow.

Anyone purchasing vegetables at the Grange fair, next week, can have them delivered free of charge.

Many friends of the Free Church will be pleased to know that the amount of money realized at their recent fair will almost reach \$2,000.

The selectmen will give a public hearing at the Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m., on a petition of the Boston & Northern Street Railway company for location of tracks on North Main Street.

A resident of Andover received a letter from a friend in Westfield, N.Y., the other day which told of an incident worthy of note, which happened in that city on Election Day. Austin Smith of Westfield, who is over 100 years old and very spry, went to the polls with his grandson, who had not reached his voting age, lacking by only a few hours. The grandson proved to the authorities that he was born at 9:30 Nov. 3, 1882 and, by 10 o'clock, he was registered and cast his first ballot with his grandfather.

At a session of police court held Wednesday afternoon, Albert Waite was fined \$10 for the larceny of a ticket book from Dr. Shattuck of Ballardvale.

The running of the Haverhill & Andover street railway company has been changed once more. Hereafter the cars will run every hour instead of every half hour, leaving the square on the half hour.

75 Years Ago — 1928

An elaborate observance of the Armistice season, which is especially significant this year, marking as it does the end of a decade since the first Armistice Day, has been planned by Andover Post 8, American Legion and it is hoped that a large number of the townspeople will show their interest by being at the present at the various events.

The annual meeting for the election of trustees of the Andover Village Improvement Society will be held in Punchard Hall Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:45 p.m.

The senior class of Punchard High School will sponsor a dance on Friday evening, Nov. 16, in the school auditorium. Those who are invited to attend were present members of the school and alumni members. Tickets must be obtained from members of the faculty.

Polly Prim Beauty Shoppe formerly owned by Mrs. Hazel Lawless, has been purchased by Mrs. Avis Sanderson, who will conduct the shoppe after Dec. 1, with the assistance of Miss Evelyn Whiffen and Florence Schenk.

Stores and markets in Andover will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12. Housekeepers should make their orders on Saturday generous enough for a long weekend.

The Junior Sons and Daughters of the Revolution will hold a food sale at the home of the director, Mrs. Frank M. Foster.

Captains and lieutenants have been chosen for the Red Cross roll call, which will begin on Sunday and continue for three weeks. All but 50 cents of each membership fee is used for work in Andover, including the well-known work of Miss Marie Campbell as district nurse, the organized social work undertaken this fall by Miss Marion Smith and the fortnightly Well-Child clinics held at the Andover Guild for mothers with very young children.

With better than 91 percent of the registration of 5,076 voting, the total vote Tuesday was 4,650, including 96 from absentees. The percentage voting four years ago was only 86.

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A barn, garage and automobile owned by Stephen Boland of Orchard Street were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning.

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OBITUARIES

Mary J. Martin

Lifelong resident, served on ministry boards at Free Christian Church

Mary J. (York) Martin, 77, of Andover, died Saturday, Nov. 8 at Wingate Nursing Home.



Mary J. Martin

A lifelong Andover resident, Mrs. Martin devoted herself to her family, church and friends. She served on several ministry boards at Free Christian Church, and rose to the office of Worthy Matron at the Andover Chapter 187 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Martin and her husband, James W. Martin, provided foster parent care for many area children.

In addition to her husband, members of her family include her son, Charles E. Winters and his wife Eileen, James Winters and his wife, Judy; a daughter, Belinda Sapienza and her husband Paul; and 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also the mother of the late Michael P. Winters and the late Shawn M. Winters.

Arrangements were by Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Burial was in St. Augustine's Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lazarus House, 48 Holly St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Russel J. Ross

Was VP of environmental engineering firm

Russel J. Ross, 59, of Cape

Elizabeth, Maine and formerly of Andover, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 9.

He was born in Houlton, Maine, the son of Arnold P. and Ruth V. (Hutchinson) Ross.

He grew up on a potato farm in Littleton, Maine, where he attended a one-room school. He graduated from Houlton High School in 1961, from the University of Maine in 1969, with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and from Northeastern University in 1975, with a master's degree in environmental engineering.

He was licensed as a professional engineer in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, and a fellow in the American Academy of Environmental Engineering.

He worked for Camp Dresser & McKee Inc, an environmental engineering firm in Cambridge, for 35 years, retiring as a vice president in May.

He was involved in many water- and waste-treatment projects throughout New England, notably Boston; Portland, Maine; Concord, N.H.; Barrington, R.I.; and most recently, the Walnut Hill Water Treatment Plant in Marlborough.

He was a renowned joke teller, especially ones requiring a Down East accent. He reveled in passionate discussions of the state of the economy, politics, religion, philosophy, and the Red Sox vs. the Yankees.

He was an avid reader, an enthusiastic moviegoer, and a terrible speller. Most of all, he loved, and lovingly cared for, his family, his friends, and his home, they said.

Members of his family include his wife of 34 years, Joan M. (Emery) Ross of Cape Elizabeth; son, Arnold P. Ross II of Lawrence; brother, Larry P. Ross of Houlton; sister, Mary and her husband Cecil Ryder of Yarmouth; and in-laws, Mary M. Emery and Susan J. Emery

of Bangor, Frederick C. Emery, Jr. and Carolyn J. Mowers of Cape Elizabeth, James C. Emery of Northampton, David M. Emery of Freeport; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, P.O. Box 265 CCB, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107; or to the charity of one's choice.

There will be no visiting hours.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Hobbs Funeral Home, 230 Cottage Road, South Portland, Maine.

Interment will be at a later date.

Anna M. Anderson

Was a secretary for GLEC for 20 years

Anna M. ("Dolly") (Laurenza) Anderson, 82, of Andover died Friday at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

She was born in North Andover.

Mrs. Anderson was a secretary for the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative for 20 years.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church and St. Augustine's Altar Guild.

Members of her family include her husband, William D. Anderson of Andover; son, William D. Anderson Jr. of Derry, N.H.; daughter, Debra L.T. Jones of Haverhill; brothers, Anthony C. Laurenza of Florida, Samuel E. Laurenza of Andover, and Joseph D. Laurenza of New York; four grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810.

DEATHS

Anna M. Anderson, 82
Domenic J. Bilotta, 82
Jeremiah A. "Gus" Casey, 90
Robert B. Clark, 85
John F. Ford, 77
Janet R. Heath, 85
Mary J. Martin, 77
Stephanie B. Pavenski, 86
Joseph T.A. "Al" Raza, 68
Marvin Rosenbaum, 63
Russel J. Ross, 59
Frank A. Stowers, 91

Arrangements were by the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BILOTTA — Domenic J. Bilotta, 82, of Medford, died Nov. 10. Members of his family include his daughter, Cathy Bilotta-Lucia and her husband, Ken Lucia, of Andover.

CASEY — Jeremiah A. "Gus" Casey, 90, of Methuen, died Nov. 7 at home. Members of his family include his nephew, James Lawlor of Andover.

CLARK — Robert B. Clark, 85, of Deerfield, N.H., died Nov. 9 at the Aberjona Nursing Center in Winchester. Members of his family include his daughter, Sharon Clark of Andover.

FORD — John F. Ford, 77, of Windham, N.H. and formerly of North Andover, died Saturday.

Nov. 8 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness. Members of his family include his sister, Mrs. Paul A. (Patricia) Hopkins of Andover.

HEATH — Janet R. (McIntosh) Heath, 85, of Methuen, died Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Methuen. Mrs. Heath worked as a server at Phillips Academy in Andover.

RAZA — Joseph T.A. "Al" Raza, 68, of Fremont, N.H., died Nov. 11 at the Exeter Hospital. Members of his family include his son, Jason K. Raza, and his wife, Darlene, of Andover.

LATE DEATH

STOWERS — Frank A. Stowers, 91, of Andover, died Nov. 11 at the Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Methuen.

Funeral arrangements are at Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Stephanie B. Pavenski

Retired supervisor at New England Sportswear

Stephanie B. (Iwan) Pavenski, 86, of Andover, died Friday, Nov. 7 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in Peabody, she moved to Andover three years ago.

She worked for GTE Sylvania and was a supervisor at New England Sportswear in Peabody until she retired 20 years ago.

Mrs. Pavenski was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Peabody, and a member of the Holy Rosary Society and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

Members of her family include her husband of 61 years, Peter Pavenski of Peabody; daughter, Carol and her husband George Lentz of Andover; sister-in-law, Matilda Iwan of Danvers; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, 1909 South Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60608-2994.

Arrangements were by the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 12 Chestnut St., Peabody.

Marvin Rosenbaum

Director of regulatory affairs for Analogic

Marvin Rosenbaum, 63, of Andover, died Thursday, Nov. 6 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he received a degree in engineering from the New York Institute of Technology.

He worked as the director of regulatory affairs for Analogic Corp. in Peabody.

Mr. Rosenbaum was past chairman of the ASQC and was treasurer of the New England Biomedical Group.

He was a member of Temple Emanuel in Andover, on the board of directors and active in

the brotherhood of the temple.

Members of his family include his wife, Denise (Usatin) Rosenbaum; daughter, Beth and her husband David Yakerson of Vacaville, Calif.; son, Matthew Rosenbaum and his wife Sara of Newton; sister, Marilyn of New York; and two grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, 01810; or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Calling hours were scheduled through Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at his former residence.

Arrangements were by Goldman Fisher Funeral Chapel, 174 Ferry St., Malden.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

75 YEARS AGO

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A very pleasant social occasion was the bridge party held at the November Clubhouse on Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of local charities, under the auspices of the district nursing committees of the Andover branch of the American Red Cross.

50 Years Ago - 1953

Impetus was injected into the annual splurge of early Christmas shopping by the issuance this week of more than a quarter of a million dollars by the local banks to their 3,526 Christmas club members.

The crying need today is for a happy, friendly and co-operative and respectable home life, says a statement issued by the board of selectmen in connection with the observance this week of American Education Week, as announced by Gov. Christian A. Herter in a recent proclamation.

New officers of the Andover Board of Trade will be elected Monday night at a meeting of the organization to be held in Memorial Hall Library.

Andover workers in the Greater Lawrence Community Chest Campaign have collected \$21,554, or 80 percent of their quota, Eugene A. Bernardin Jr., chairman of the local division announced at the report meeting Monday night.

The widening of South Main Street as it passes Phillips Acad-

emy campus has received final approval by the state and it is expected that ground will be broken for this long-needed improvement as early as next spring.

The surprise announcement Roy E. Hardy made through the *Townsmen* last week that he would not be a candidate for elective office at the election next March has been met with a feeling of real regret in many circles where his services as a town official have long been recognized.

It is against the law to frighten a horse in any public place in Andover or to let any grazing beast feed by the roadside.

Homes in many part of the town were without heat and light last Saturday as a blustering northeaster whipped down large branches of trees carrying poles and power wires to the ground in one of the most severe storms the town has experienced for many years.

A number of Andover businessmen and officials were present Tuesday at a meeting in Lawrence of representatives of all Greater Lawrence communities to discuss the location of the proposed new Route 28.

25 Years Ago - 1978

Andover voters followed state trends in all but the governor's race Tuesday as about 79 percent of the town's 15,000 voters cast ballots.

Plans for a massive renovation-addition project for

Andover's secondary schools, chugging merrily along the track toward Spring Town Meeting, slammed to an abrupt halt this weekend. Because of new cost information, which indicates that it might be cheaper to build a new East Junior High than renovate the old one, the matter will be taken back to a special Town Meeting Dec. 11.

Andover parents, pupils and school personnel have received copies of the Title IX/Chapter 622 non-discriminatory laws and the school committee's grievance procedure, according to Annetta Freedman, acting coordinator for Title IX/Chapter 622 here.

The AHS Humanities club is proving to be one of the most popular clubs this year. Its purpose is to enlarge the minds of its members by offering them a host of new experiences.

The West Junior High girls field hockey team played their last game on Friday, Oct. 27.

While the evaluation is yet to come, a special study skills program offered to Andover pupils in grades 5 through 8 has received a big response this fall.

Superintendent Kenneth R. Seifert, responding to a petition from some 60 Bancroft parents, said Tuesday night he would ask the police department to look into the matter of safety for youngsters who walk to school, and that he would ask Public Works Director Robert McQuade about extending sidewalks where none exist in

school areas.

Parents of youngsters in the overcrowded first grades at Sarnborn and South Schools aren't getting the additional teachers they've been hoping for, but the School Committee came through Tuesday night with additional instructor aide time.

Andover state Rep. Gerald M. Cohen, returned to the House for a third term in Tuesday's election, was "very pleased to obtain the confidence given us."

Rev. Dr. Jack L. Daniel Jr. pastor of Free Christian Church, will deliver the eulogy at Veterans Day memorial services to be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the American Legion monument in Spring Grove cemetery.

10 Years Ago - 1993

To observe Veterans Day Thursday, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans will meet in the Andover Public Safety building on North Main Street at 10 a.m. to form a rifle squad and a color guard.

Voters at Special Town Meeting Monday night appropriated an additional \$500,000 for design plans for additions to Andover High School and two elementary schools, gave the School Committee a mandate to get rid of busing fees next year, and redirected money proposed for landscaping at Memorial Hall Library so that it will be spent on books.

Andover lost Precinct 5 on

Chamber Music Series

Celebrating 'Remembrance and Hope'



Maria Ferrante, soprano

"The concert highlights works by courageous musicians who faced political and

The Andover Chamber Music Series presents "Remembrance and Hope," a special concert celebrating the triumph of the human spirit, this Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover.

According to Julia Scolnik, artistic director,

artistic oppression, imprisonment, and even death."

Their music inspires hope, demonstrating the power of the creative spirit over the forces that would crush it.

This concert will include music by Messiaen, written in a German prisoner-of-war camp, which evokes eternity and timelessness; a stunning piece by David Stock full of klezmer melodies, depicting pre-war European Jews approaching the edge of the abyss; a haunting yet hopeful song cycle by Lori Laitman based on poetry by children imprisoned in the Terezin concentration camp; and a string quartet by Shostakovich,

whose music denouncing the evils of fascism and Stalinism became a powerful stimulus to the spirit of resistance and freedom.

"Don't miss this concert of poignant and empowering chamber music," organizers said.

ACMS welcomes back the acclaimed Borromeo String Quartet. Several others, including soprano Maria Ferrante, will be making their ACMS debuts and will join flutist and artistic director Scolnik.

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Business

IN BRIEF

Montalto clients can view homes for sale riding in a London taxi

Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, a local real estate firm, announced it is one of only three companies in the US to own an authentic London taxi, which will be used to enhance the firm's efforts of providing customer service. The company is reportedly excited to have its new London Taxi spotted on local streets and neighborhoods, according to a release.

"The London taxi is just another way for us to serve our clients in a uniquely distinctive way, and another effort that will set us apart from other firms," said Lillian Montalto, company owner/broker.

The taxi's main purpose, added Montalto, will be to "chauffeur clients to view homes during their home-buying search, as well as to service out-of-town clients who are relocating to our area and give them a geographic tour of our wonderful communities in a comfortable and stylish manner. The sedan offers... styling and comfort, and can seat five adults in the enclosed passenger compartment. The interior measures 4 feet 6 inches in height, which dates back to an old English law that required enough space so that gentlemen did not need to remove their top hats while riding in taxis."

Lillian Montalto Signature Properties had a 2002 sales volume in excess of \$180 million.

Stillwell joins Haverhill bank

Maureen M. Stillwell of Andover has joined Haverhill Cooperative Bank as an assistant vice president and commercial lending officer.

Stillwell brings 25 years of financial services experience to her new position. "The addition of Maureen enhances the bank's ability to serve the commercial borrower," said bank President Thomas R. Faulkner. "This hiring... demonstrates the bank's commitment to commercial lending and to providing broader services to the small business customer."

Before joining Haverhill Cooperative Bank, Stillwell was assistant vice president in credit administration at Banknorth Massachusetts and Andover Bank (now Banknorth). Before that she was an assistant vice president in commercial lending at Bank of Boston (now Fleet) and at Bank of New Hampshire.

A Maine native, Stillwell has a bachelor of arts degree in management from Simmons College and a certificate from the Graduate School of Lending, University of Oklahoma.

She lives in Andover with her husband, Ted, and their two children.



Maureen M. Stillwell

Tage donates lodging to school

Students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Methuen received a visit from David Smith, general manager of Andover's Tage Inns & Suites.

Smith stopped by the school last month to present a "weekend getaway" package to Principal Beth Ingenri for use in an auction/raffle held at the school.

David Smith, Andover general manager of Tage Inns & Suites, with Principal Beth Ingenri of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Methuen.

Mixer celebrates Thanksgiving

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a Thanksgiving marketing mixer Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Indian Ridge Country Club, Lovejoy Road.

The mixer will feature hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and prizes. The cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for two people when they bring a friend; or \$20 for non-members.

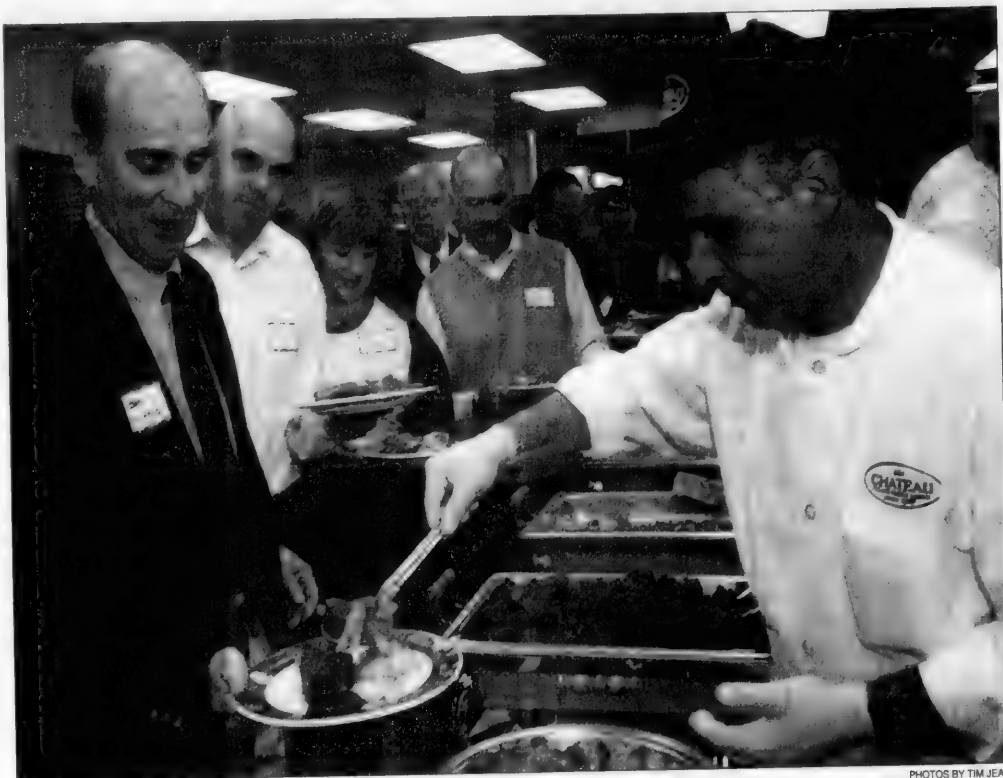
Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

Lingerie, Night & Day

Night & Day, a new lingerie and women's accessory retail establishment, is set to open its downtown shop at 63 Park St. The grand opening will be this Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gift certificates are available.

Merit Tukiaien-Whirty, owner and operator of Night & Day, is an Andover resident who recently left a 20-year career in the hospitality industry to establish this new business. Her experience in customer service and financial management, as well as her European roots, will all play a part in the shopping experience at Night & Day, according to a release.

Night & Day is located in the Park Street Village building. Call 978-475-0343 for more information, or visit the Web site: www.nightanddaylingerie.com.



Dave Nichols, Andover High School health coordinator, is served by chef Dave Jasset as other school and town officials line up while enjoying the Oct. 29 grand opening of The Chateau restaurant on River Road.

Upscale comfort on River Road

Chateau offers variety, seating for 600 at lunch or dinner

By Ben Hellman

THE CHATEAU RESTAURANT has finally opened, and it brings a taste of luxury at the price of other family restaurants in the area. The new facility takes the place of Grill 93 on River Road and is highly visible from Interstate 93 near the River Road exit.

Co-owner Joe Nocera said guys can leave their jackets at home, but with plush carpets, upholstered seats and fine lighting, some couples could pretend they are at an upscale restaurant—even if there is a sports bar in the next room and kids at the next table.

Based on its size alone, the Chateau becomes one of the big boys on Andover's restaurant scene. The restaurant sits 600, said Nocera.

But perhaps what makes the Chateau different from other Merrimack Valley eating establishments is the variety of dining experiences it can offer. The restaurant has several dining rooms to accommodate different size groups for parties, wedding or baby showers, or rehearsal dinners.

The sports bar is the first in the area to offer flat-screen plasma televisions at every booth, said Nocera. Customers will be able to choose between playing



From left, Lee Brown, Scott and Marianne Skerry, and Susan Brown toast the good fortune of the Nocera family's restaurant at its the grand opening.

Keno and watching the restaurant's satellite TV service.

The menu offers a range of Italian dishes, following the owners' Italian roots, but also offers steak, seafood, pizza, burgers and Parmesan sandwiches. Sandwich prices range from \$6 to \$12; chicken and veal dinners range

from \$11 to \$12 per plate; and the restaurant's pasta specialties range from \$9 to \$12. The lunch menu knocks a few dollars off most meal prices.

Nocera said the existing Chateau establishments—the Nocera family runs Chateau Restaurants in Waltham and Norwood—have a larger take-out business than any other full-service restaurant in their areas.

Nocera said people are used to ordering and picking up Italian food and pizza. The lobby of Andover's restaurant was designed to be large enough to accommodate people picking up their dinners. The restaurant has a buffet take-out menu, for catered affairs.

The Chateau restaurant is located at 131 River Road next to Tage Inn, off Interstate 93. Nocera said people who knew the Grill 93 will not recognize the new restaurant.

Nocera gutted the whole building, arranging rooms to suit the new restaurant. "It was pretty beat," he said.

Nocera expects people of all ages to eat at the Chateau.

The number for take-out service is 978-687-2442.



(Clockwise, from left) Victoria Jacobs, Peter Cormier, Linda and her daughter Justina Jacobs, and Kathy Twombly enjoy dinner at The Chateau.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Swimmers swamp the competition

Take 5th straight MIAA North Sectional Championship Meet title

By Rick Harrison

Double wins by sophomore Caitlin Doherty and senior Liz Mancuso powered the Andover High girls swim and dive team to its fifth straight MIAA North Sectional Championship Meet title in competition at the White Natatorium in Haverhill.

This one may have been the toughest of the five, as perennial power Acton-Boxboro had a 2 1/2 point lead halfway through the meet and made the Lady Warriors work hard for their latest piece of hardware.

Andover topped the 25-school field with 322 points and A-B was second with 296.5.

It was definitely a two-team race with third place Belmont way back at 128.

Rounding out the top nine schools were Chelmsford (109), Haverhill (88), Framingham (86), Central Catholic (77), Notre Dame Academy of Worcester (44) and Burlington (40).

"This was definitely the most exciting and competitive of our wins," said Andover coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "The Acton kids swam out of their minds."

"They threw a little scare into us and had me worried for awhile. We fought for every one of our points so screamingly hard."

"Our kids were terrific. The freshmen really surprised. They were excited but they were not intimidated by the size and importance of the meet. They just went out and did it — like seasoned veterans," said Fitzgerald.

"Everyone knew we had the depth to win the meet. But you still have to get it done in the pool. Especially when a team like Acton is throwing down the challenge."

"We can't take all the same kids to states, so we tried to give everyone that qualified for sectionals a chance to compete," added Fitzgerald.

Acton-Boxboro, which also lost to Andover in a non-league dual meet during the regular season, will get another opportunity to upset the Lady Warriors this Sunday in the season-ending All-State Meet at Harvard University.

"They definitely make things more interesting," said coach Fitzgerald.

A-B was the invincible state power before Andover started its current five-year run, as the Colonials won 14 sectional and state titles between 1982 and 1998.

Ouch!

That's the word to describe what happened to three Andover High teams making aggressive runs at MIAA Division 1 North titles.

On the soccer front, the AHS girls and boys were eliminated within hours of one another in North semifinal round games on the same Connolly Stadium field in Woburn.

The girls had their 2003 season come to an abrupt halt with a 1-0 loss to Lincoln-Sudbury, while the boys ran into a buzzsaw called Medford and dropped a 5-1 decision.

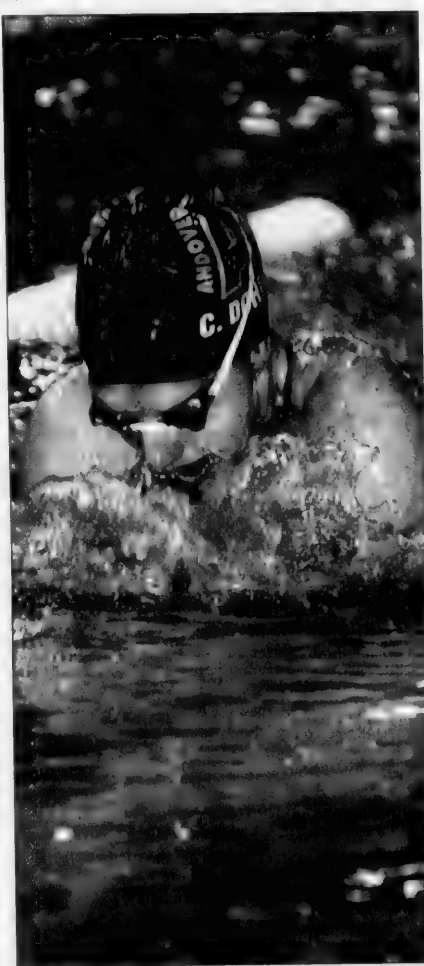
Forty-eight hours later the girls volleyball team was ousted in the North title match, falling one victory shy of a 20-win season after dropping a 3-1 decision to Chelmsford at Wilmington High's Lawrence Cushing Gym.

On the cross country trails, Ryan Durkin and Christy Nigh were the top Andover runners as the Warriors competed in the annual Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship Meet at Franklin Park in Dorchester.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Andover swept the top spot in all three relays and touched first in eight of the 12 events overall on the way to its latest North Sectional title.

Points were awarded to the top 12 placers in the 11 races and the one-meter diving.



Caitlin Doherty, a sophomore, had two wins in the MIAA meet. Doherty (above), shown trying for her eighth state-qualifying time of the season, won the 100 breaststroke when the AHS girls swim and dive team hosted Methuen on Oct. 17.

Schedule

The season-ending State Meet is this Sunday at Harvard University. The diving starts at 9 a.m. and the swimming at 2:30 p.m.

North Sectional Championship Meet

Merrimack Valley Conference 2003 Swimmer of the Year Caitlin Doherty finished first in the 500-yard freestyle, as the Lady Warriors took four of the top 10 places in the pivotal event that turned the meet in the locals' favor.

Andover was 2 1/2 points behind entering the 500, but when that stamina event was over the champs were in front to stay.

Doherty, seeded fourth by qualifying time, produced her fastest high school clocking and was less than two seconds off her all-time best after touching in 5:06.79.

"It was an outstanding time and exactly what we needed," said Fitzgerald. "I'm pretty confident Caitlin will break the 5-minute mark before she graduates."

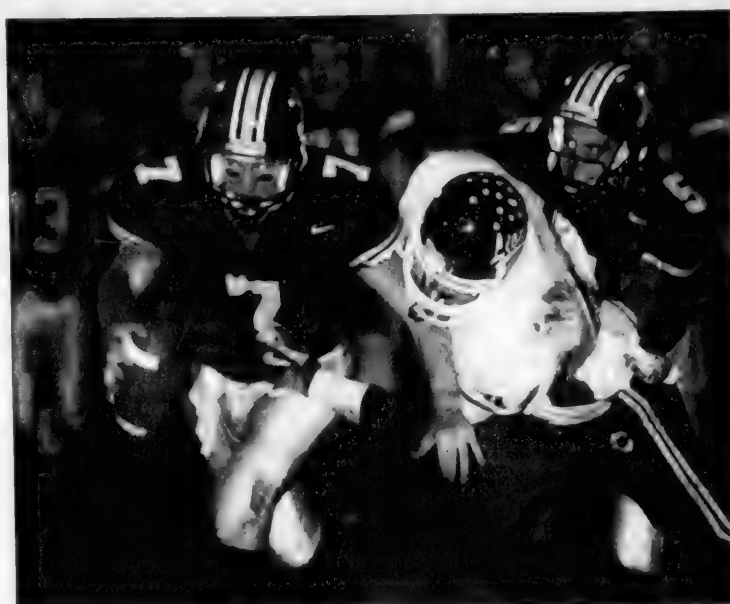
Jenny Geary, one of the fabulous freshmen with nerves of steel, was third (5:19.33), freshman surprise of the meet Jenny Meltz sixth (5:30.00) and senior Capt. Jamie Kapelson 10th (5:37.19).

Doherty's other win came just two races earlier in the 100 butterfly, as she recorded another superb 57.90 time and beat second-place Alicia Negrotti of Central Catholic by a cavernous four-second margin (1:01.50).

Liz Mancuso swept the sprint free races, winning the 50 in 24.68 and the 100 in 54.36 seconds.

Sophomore Candice Peak chalked up 30 individual points with a first in the 200 free (1:58.55) and a very close second to Belmont standout (and double

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Warrior quarterback Geoff Stevens (7) has no place to run as the Lions' defense proved to be too much for Andover, holding them to 12 points and deflating their playoff hopes.

Warriors' playoff hopes dashed, 42-12

Mauling by Lions spoils Homecoming

By Rick Harrison

THE ANDOVER HIGH football team saw its title and playoff aspirations blown apart by a big, fast, rugged and deep Chelmsford High crew which blasted the Golden Warriors, 42-12, in their Merrimack Valley Conference first-place showdown at Lovely Field.

The nasty Lions, who took much of the joy out of AHS Homecoming, posted the lopsided victory in the most significant football game for an Andover team in years.

The loss dropped the locals into a tie for third in the MVC standings and mathematically eliminated them from any post-season consideration.

At 5-4 overall and 4-2 in conference play, coach Ken Maglio's crew suddenly finds itself needing to scrap and claw against two dangerous closing opponents to emerge from the season with a winning record.

Chelmsford, meanwhile, used the triumph to clinch at least a share of its fourth straight MVC title after moving to 7-0 in league play and 8-1 overall with its seventh straight victory.

The Lions will also go to the playoffs if they beat Billerica on Thanksgiving, or if Andover takes the role of spoiler seriously and defeats host Billerica tomorrow night (7 p.m.) at the Marshall Middle School field.

AHS, which lost outstanding two-way player Shaheen Ghandchi with an injury in the opening min-

utes against Chelmsford, never got its offense untracked and couldn't stop the hard-charging Lions' ground game which accounted for 290 yards.

Ace running back Dave Leach went wild for the CHS juggernaut, scoring three rushing touchdowns, two more on pass receptions and adding a conversion rush to round out a spectacular 32-point night.

He finished with 181 yards rushing on 18 carries to lift his impressive season totals to 120 points and 1,188 yards on the ground (despite missing one game).

The red-hot Leach also had had four TD runs of 35, 14, 12 and 5 yards in a 37-6 romp over Dracut two weeks ago, while also catching a conversion pass and rushing for 170 yards in 21 carries.

In the past two games he has scored 58 points and rushed for 351 yards.

Andover was held to a season-low 28 yards rushing by the Lions, and trailed 21-0 before getting on the scoreboard late in the first half.

The 42 points are the most allowed this season, as the Golden Warriors had only yielded more than 14 in one previous game (30-19 loss to Wilmington).

The first AHS touchdown came when fullback Ben Newman plowed over from the one yard line with three minutes left in the half to cut the deficit to 21-6.

It was 28-6 when the underclass combo of junior QB Geoff Stevens and sophomore wide receiver

Buddy Farnham hooked up on a 24 yard TD pass midway through the third quarter.

It was the sixth touchdown toss of the season for Stevens and the third scoring reception for Farnham.

But the Lions shrugged off that tally and put up two more of their own before the period ended, making it 42-12 entering the final quarter which was scoreless.

Stevens threw for 120 yards in the game.

Veteran Chelmsford quarterback and head coach's son Bruce Rich, versatile and dangerous, threw his 10th, 11th and 12th TD passes of the season including a one yard pitch to Adam McHugh who made his fifth touchdown grab.

Rich has completed close to 70 percent of his passes over the last three seasons.

Chelmsford, 51-9 in its last 60 games, has now won five straight over AHS since a 35-33 Golden Warriors victory in 1998. Since 1980 Chelmsford holds a commanding 16-5-1 series edge.

Neither of Andover's final two games figure to be easy, as AHS hits the road to play at Billerica (5-4, five straight wins) tomorrow and in Lawrence versus Central Catholic (7-2, 4-2 MVC) on Thanksgiving morning.

Billerica must beat Andover to stay in contention for a share of the MVC title and the playoff berth.

After an 0-4 start against four tough opponents (a

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SWIM & DIVE TEAM

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winner) Brittany Sasser in the 100 backstroke.

Sasser touched first in 58.50 and Peak checked in at 58.56.

"Candice is going to take Brittany (in the backstroke) at states," predicted Fitzgerald.

Mancuso anchored the victorious 200 medley and 200 free relays, joining junior Diana Harlow, senior Amy Caron and Caitlin Doherty on the former squad (1:52.77) and following freshman Tiffany Petzold, senior Capt. Carolyn Cody and Peak on the latter team (1:42.11).

In both those races Acton-Boxboro finished runner-up and was a mere split-second behind.

Petzold, Harlow, Peak and Doherty were tops in the 400 free relay, with their 3:43.93 only a seat-squirming 1.5 seconds ahead of A-B.

Caron added a second place in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.96) and she took sixth in the 200 IM (2:17.60).

Harlow was third in the 200 IM (2:14.13) and fourth in the 100 back (1:01.91).

Geary was fourth (2:01.37) and Petzold fifth (2:01.84) in the 200 free, while Petzold also placed eighth in the 100 breast (1:12.29).

Cody, another very pleasant surprise to her coach, recorded two personal-best times as she touched sixth in the 100 free (1:07.74) and seventh in the 200 IM (2:18.73).

Completing the list of swimmers who scored was freshman Erin McAuliffe with seventh in the 100 back (1:02.90).

In the diving competition, junior Libby Fortner nailed down fourth place with 352.65 points and junior Anne Marie Cashman was eighth with 325.40 points.

Jacquelyn Rudis of Central Catholic was tops off the board with 463.45 points.

The only other non-Andover winner, besides Sasser, was A-B's Katie Omstead with a school-record 1:08.43 time in the 100 breast.

Sophomore Jen McDonald and senior Capt. Casey Frost also competed in the diving.

Other Andover swimmers included senior Christina Casey (15th, 1:05.28), sophomore Rita Gillan (20th, 1:06.60) and senior Capt. Liz Pallotta (21st, 1:06.73) in the 100 fly.

Freshman Cassandra Valler (15th, 1:15.84) and junior Amanda Saunders (20th, 1:16.83) competed in the 100 breast and McDonald in the 50 free.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The top-seeded Andover High girls varsity volleyball team finished another highly-successful season at 19-3 overall after the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament split, a 3-0 whitewash of Haverhill

in the semifinal round followed by the 3-1 setback to Chelmsford.

George Sullivan, doing one of his best coaching jobs this season in a 244-win career, fell just short of a third North title in six years.

"It was an excellent season," said Sullivan. "We had a great group of kids to work with."

"They took the loss to Chelmsford well. Everyone stayed around after the match and the atmosphere was fine."

Andover will graduate several talented athletes as seniors: Ashley McLaughlin, Meagan Merinder, Adrienne Hinds, Laura Lamontagne, Grisel Vasquez, Stephanie Krey, Kerri O'Dea and Matia Kostakis have played their final volleyball match for the Blue and Gold.

Banquet

Several major team awards will be given out at the annual breakup banquet next Monday night at Andover Country Club (7 p.m.).

Final stats leaders

Ashley McLaughlin led the Lady Warriors offensively with 136 kills, finishing with an .890 hitting percentage on 352-for-395. She was also 202-for-212 serving.

Meagan Merinder was the leading server with 62 aces and a 91 percent average on 253-for-277. Merinder went 247-for-295 hitting (84 percent) with 48 kills.

Adrienne Hinds contributed 208-for-239 hitting (87 percent), with 54 kills, and 208-for-222 serving (94 percent) with 24 aces.

Sam Kerivan was 199-for-237 hitting (84 percent), with 45 kills, and Laura Lamontagne 219-for-232 serving (94 percent) with 21 aces.

As a team, Andover had 353 kills and 191 aces in 22 matches while hitting at 86 percent accuracy and serving at 92 percent.

Defensively, the locals were at 80 percent in serve-receive.

DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL ROUND Andover 3 Haverhill 0

The Lady Warriors stayed sharp by scrimmaging the undefeated Phillips Academy girls and Division 2 North finalist North Reading between the end of the regular season and start of the tournament.

In the opener the scrappy Hillies gave Andover a few anxious moments, but the locals finished strong in each of the three games on the way to the 30-25, 30-26, 31-29 sweep before several hundred fans at the Dunn Gym.

AHS trailed 28-24 late in the third game, but Laura Lamontagne served the final seven points to close out the match for the winners.

"We started slowly," said MVC Division 1 Coach of the Year Sullivan. "A few of the kids were a little uptight, with typical tourney jitters, but everyone shook the nerves pretty quickly."

"Haverhill did what we thought they would. They hit to certain areas, which we had covered, but we didn't always pass the ball accurately."

"Eventually Adrienne (Hinds) took charge and then Laura (Lamontagne) closed it out with her excellent serving," said Sullivan.

Hinds finished 12-for-14 hitting, with a team co-high seven kills, and she was 15-for-16 serving with two aces.

"Adrienne is a tough kid," said Sullivan. "Her performance was remarkable considering she was feeling tired and coughing much of the time."

Lamontagne finished 19-for-19 serving in the match with one ace.

MVC 1 co-Player of the Year Ashley McLaughlin went 17-for-20 hitting and 12-for-12 serving, with seven kills and two aces.

Meagan Merinder contributed 12-for-13 hitting, with three kills, and 11-for-12 serving with one ace.

Sophomore Sam Kerivan went 13-for-15 hitting and 12-for-12 serving, with four kills and one ace.

Other strong hitters were Grisel Vasquez (6-for-7, two kills) and Stephanie Krey (5-for-8).

Jen Merinder was 8-for-11 serving and sophomore libero Brittany Pierce played an outstanding match defensively.

Matia Kostakis returned to the court after missing the final five regular season matches with an ankle injury. She was used sparingly and finished 2-for-2 hitting with one kill.

"We have a big team and mobility has been a problem all season," said Sullivan. "Haverhill tried to move us around and that's what helped them keep it close."

The Hillies, who completed the season 17-4 with three of the losses to Andover, advanced to the semifinals with a 3-0 whitewash of Lawrence High.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH Chelmsford 3 Andover 1

Chelmsford prevailed 30-17, 30-28, 28-30, 30-19 in the best-of-5 match that secured the Lions' eighth North title since 1980.

Playing hard and tough for Andover in their season finale at Wilmington High's Cushing Gym were Meagan Merinder, Adrienne Hinds, Ashley McLaughlin, Sam Kerivan, Jen Merinder, Laura Lamontagne and Brittany Pierce.

"We had two good days of practice before the match," said coach Sullivan. "But once again, for some inexplicable reason, we came out flat in the first game."

"To its credit, Chelmsford played very well. They have a few year-round players and that makes a difference."

"Once again it was their mobility against our size," noted Sullivan. "We

woke up in the second game and had a few one or two point leads before losing by two."

"But down 0-2 our kids didn't quit. Kerri O'Dea went in as the primary setter in the third game, just to shake things up, and she rallied the troops. It was a shot in the arm that worked."

"But in the first part of the fourth game Chelmsford stepped up its play and we had some problems," said Sullivan.

The Lady Warriors never fully recovered and the season was history.

McLaughlin finished 29-for-32 hitting, with 10 kills, and 12-for-14 serving.

Meagan Merinder was 20-for-23 hitting, a perfect 18-for-18 serving and Sullivan lauded her blocking and passing.

Adrienne Hinds went 21-for-27 hitting, with two kills, and 11-for-12 serving.

Sam Kerivan contributed 12-for-14 hitting, with three kills, and 9-for-9 serving.

Also serving well were Laura Lamontagne, 17-for-17 with three aces, Jen Merinder 9-for-10 with one ace and Kerri O'Dea 5-for-6 with one ace.

Grisel Vasquez, who was not at 100 percent after going home sick from school the day before the match, still managed 15-for-17 hitting with three kills.

Other hitters were Steph Krey (6-for-7, one kill) and a still-hobbled Matia Kostakis (3-for-5).

Jenn O'Rourke and Kristina Martell combined for 33 kills to power Chelmsford. Setter Maxine Barry added 42 assists in the four games while Julie Brodie, sophomore Jen Byrne (nine kills), Hayley Comeau and Jenna Comeau also played well all-around.

The victory was the 20th of the season for No. 3 seed Chelmsford (20-3), and it put the Lions in the State Tournament semifinals against Division 1 Central champion North Quincy (18-6).

That match was played last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, at the neutral Chelsea High gym.

The semifinal winner will battle undefeated Division 1 South champ Barnstable (24-0) for the state title Saturday night at Worcester Polytech (7 p.m.).

MVC 1 champion and two-time state titlist Chelmsford blanked Somerville 3-0 in the quarterfinals and swept No. 2 seed Peabody 3-0 in the North semifinal to earn its berth opposite Andover.

BOYS SOCCER

The Andover High boys soccer team wrapped up an outstanding 2003 season when it was ousted by Medford, 5-1, in an MIAA Division 1 North Tournament semifinal round game played at slippery Connolly Stadium in Woburn.

The setback, after earlier tourney wins over Beverly (2-0) and Lowell (1-0, penalty kicks), left coach Mike Warrman's crew with a final overall record of

13-6-1.

This was the first time Andover had reached the semifinals since 1999, when the locals lost to Central Catholic 3-2 in overtime after a pair of 2-1 OT wins against Framingham and Acton-Boxboro.

AHS was last in the North championship game in 1995, bowing to Somerville 5-2 after early-round victories over Beverly (4-1), Salem (2-1, overtime) and Central Catholic (5-2).

The Golden Warriors' 14 seniors, who helped make this a successful fall and have now played their final high school game, are Tim Bengston, Tim Dugan, Tyler Hopkins, Jarrett Mackin, Ash Edmonds, Ryan D'Angelo, Christian Delisio, Alex Foley, Rane Harrison, Bob Grant, Mike Kichrowky, Greg Morissette, Alex Toyoda and goalkeeper Pat Twomey.

The No. 11 seed Golden Warriors, who entered the Medford game 10-1-1 in their previous 12 contests and were working on a five-game win streak, couldn't keep pace with the undefeated Mustangs.

No. 2 seed Medford, which improved to 18-0-2 after this win, earned its berth opposite Andover by edging No. 15 Lexington, 1-0 in overtime, and No. 10 St. John's Prep, 3-2, in overtime.

The 5-1 score matched the locals' most lopsided loss of the season, a 5-1 setback to Haverhill just before AHS escaped on its 10-1-1 tear.

Jarrett Mackin scored the Andover goal in the first half, assist to Greg Spurr, and keeper Pat Twomey finished with 13 saves.

Medford, which led 2-0 early and 3-1 at the break, had a hat trick from prolific Tiago Delboni (26 goals) and a pair of goals from equally-skilled linemate Vinicius Nascimento.

Leading scorers

Tim Bengston led AHS this season with 14 goals and 16 assists for 30 points.

Bengston's 30 points are the most since Paul Bellacqua pumped in 25 goals and added 13 assists for 38 points in 1999.

Jarrett Mackin had 13 goals and six assists, Brian Thompson eight goals and three assists, Greg Spurr three goals, seven assists and Vasili Kostakis four goals, two assists.

That setback left Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion AHS

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AHS ROUNDUP

GIRLS SOCCER

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with a final overall record of 15-5-2.

All five AHS losses this fall were by one-goal margins against MIAA Tournament qualifiers.

Seniors who have played their final high school game for Andover are Loyal Hannah, Erica Weeks, Megan Finn, Mallory Jaracz, Lindsey Timko, Jeanne Lothrop, Allison Kerivan, Amanda Carlson, Rachel DiBiase, Maggie Murphy and Meredith Johnson.

A first-half goal by Danielle Pomarole was all No. 2 seed Lincoln-Sudbury (17-3) would need on this particular evening.

It was the third straight tourney shutout for L-S, which earlier blanked Lowell (1-0) and No. 7 seed Lexington (4-0).

This was the third consecutive year these two schools collided in the North tourney, AHS earning a pair of one-goal victories (2-1 and 4-3) in the previous games.

Lincoln-Sudbury outshot the Lady Warriors, 10-3, and Micaela Smith was solid in the Andover net with nine saves.

Erica Weeks and Emily Pallotta also played well for the locals, who were shut out for the third time this fall.

Leading scorers

Ultra-talented sharpshooter Jackie Powers led the AHS attack with 23 goals and 10 assists for 33 points in 22 games.

It was the second straight 20-goal season for Powers (21 last year), putting her in the elite company of Katie Kramer who had back-to-back 23- and 26-goal seasons in 2000 and 2001.

Kramer finished the 2001 campaign with a single-season school-record 36 points, after scoring 23-12-35 the previous year.

Powers also scored five goals as a freshman and now has career stats of 49 goals and 19 assists.

Emily Pallotta finished the season with six goals and a team-high 12 assists, while Erica Weeks had six goals, seven assists and Jen Hagopian six goals, four assists.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Andover High girls and boys cross country teams both placed 16th in a field of 33 schools at the annual MIAA Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship Meet held at Franklin Park in Dorchester.

The girls finished with 422 points and the boys had 514.

Schedule

The season-ending All-State Meet is this Saturday at the Northfield Recreation Center course in Central/Western Mass. (11 a.m.).

EMASS, DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Ryan Durkin was the top AHS finisher as the senior ace completed the 5,000-meter (3.1 mile) course in 16 minutes, 55.28 seconds for 27th place in a field of 236 runners.

Other scorers for the boys were junior Jim Muller (90th, 17:43.50), junior Sasha Seletsky (125th, 18:13.45), sophomore Peter Brown (140th, 18:29.25) and junior Oleg Seletsky (141st, 18:29.82).

Also competing for the Golden Warriors were senior Brad Sherman (153rd, 18:38.75) and junior James Primes (20:08.72).

Undefeated Merrimack Valley Conference champ Methuen won the Division 1 boys team title with 71 points, while the individual race winner was Chris Barnicle of Newton North in 15:36.45.

Christy Nigh was first across the finish line for the Andover girls, 52nd overall in a field of 189 runners with a time of 21 minutes, 31.26 seconds for 5,000 meters.

Senior Emily Farmer was 76th in 22:13.11, while other scorers were senior Jazzy Dingler (82nd, 22:18.70), junior Roopa Chari (101st, 22:50.31) and senior Anne Galebach (119th, 23:09.09).

Also running for the Lady Warriors were freshman Casey Deschene (134th, 23:47.67) and junior Bryanna Casey (24:50.15).

Undefeated Merrimack Valley Conference champ Chelmsford won the Division 1 girls team title with 78 points, and the Lions' Meghan Curran was the individual race winner in 18:44.74.

AHS FOOTBALL

MVC TITLE HOPES

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combined 31-5 this season), the Indians have ripped off consecutive wins over Methuen (28-0), Lowell (14-13), Tewksbury (34-7), Haverhill (27-0) and Dracut (28-7).

Head Coach Peter Flynn's club is led by running back Dan Pope, who will enter tomorrow night's game with 72 points and 943 yards rushing.

Pope has scored nine touchdowns in the last three games, and in last week's win over Dracut he contributed TD runs of 27, 11 and three yards while rushing for 215 yards.

BMHS quarterback Dan McWilliams has thrown five TD passes and scored four rushing touchdowns.

The Billerica defense, especially against the run, has been very strong in recent weeks. Dracut finished with a net minus-12 yards in 22 rushes last weekend.

Cornerbacks Billy Shaw (three) and Corey Williams (two) also combined for five pass interceptions to constantly thwart the Dracut air attack.

The Indians have allowed only 27 points during the five-game win streak (5.4 ave. per game).

Andover defeated Billerica 19-14 last fall to break a three-game losing streak against the Indians.

Although BMHS has beaten the Golden Warriors eight of the last 10 games, the series is even 11-11 since 1980.

Andover had its three-game win streak snapped two weeks ago, but not until throwing a huge scare into undefeated reigning New Hampshire State Division 2 champ Exeter (9-0).

It took a 26-yard fourth-quarter field goal by Blue Hawks' placekicker Brad Rowe, with only 11 seconds left in regulation, to lift the home team to a pulsating 10-7 inter-state victory at Eustis Field.

The staunch Exeter defense, along with a number of Andover mistakes, combined to hold the Golden Warriors' dangerous ground game under 100 yards.

Top two backs Shaheen

Ghandchi and Matt Hennessey were held to 43 and 44 yards respectively on a combined 25 carries.

Forced to throw the ball more, AHS junior quarterback Geoff Stevens completed 10-of-18 including a three-yard play-action scoring toss to senior 215-pound tight end Chris Vining, who bulled his way across the goal line midway through the final period.

It was Stevens' fifth touchdown pass of the season and Vining's first points.

Joel Keefe tied it 7-7 with his 22nd PAT kick.

A pair of Exeter interceptions (one in the end zone) helped stymie the locals, as did a pair of fumbles and several costly penalties.

Andover also stalled inside the Exeter five yard line in the first half before surrendering the

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MVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	OVL	PF	PA
c-Chelmsford	7	0	8-1	259	84
Billerica	5	1	5-4	170	110
ANDOVER	4	2	5-4	202	135
Central Catholic	4	2	7-2	185	91
Lowell	4	2	6-2	165	81
Tewksbury	2	4	2-5	89	164
Haverhill	1	5	2-6	81	191
Methuen	0	5	2-5	90	172
Dracut	0	6	3-6	152	180

c = clinched title tie

Results Last Weekend

Chelmsford 42, ANDOVER 12
Billerica 28, Dracut 7
Central Catholic 39, Haverhill 7
Tewksbury at Methuen, postponed, whooping cough

Games Friday, 7 p.m.

ANDOVER at Billerica (Marshall Middle School)
St. John's Prep at Chelmsford, non-league
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AHS FOOTBALL

■ FALLING IN EXETER

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ball on downs.

Mistakes like that are usually fatal against teams the caliber of Exeter and Chelmsford.

The Andover defense did an impressive job on usually high-scoring Exeter, which had beaten seven of its eight New Hampshire opponents by 20 points or more.

The Golden Warriors 'D' played shutout ball until the winning field goal, as Exeter scored its lone touchdown on a 31 yard fumble recovery return by top two-way player Brett Coffey late in the first quarter.

Defensive stalwarts for Andover again included reliable Mike Muccio (7 tackles, fumble recovery), sophomore Tom White (7 tackles), Phil Perkins (6 tackles), Matt Wolfman (6 tackles), John Fox (5 tackles), Matt Hennessy (5 tackles), Buddy Farnham (4 tackles), Larry Masse (fumble

recovery) and Nate Wiech (4 tackles).

The Blue Hawks were coming off a 45-6 thrashing of Bishop Guertin High of Nashua the previous week, and Andover provided veteran head coach Bill Ball's team with its first

real challenge.

Earlier Exeter wins came over Granite State opponents Merrimack (38-7), Keene (31-7), Portsmouth (35-6), Winnacunnet High of Hampton (12-0), Timberlane Regional of Plaistow (30-7), Alvirne High

of Hudson (45-0) and Spaulding High of Rochester (28-6).

The Blue Hawks have now outscored the opposition by a whopping 274-46 margin.

Andover, held below 19 points just one other time this fall (7-6 loss to Lowell), has a

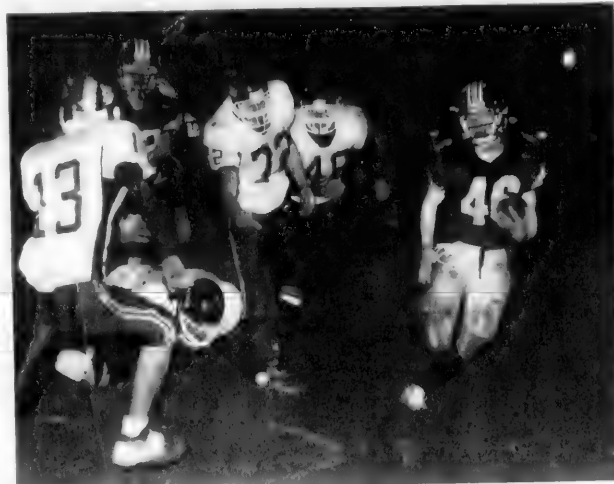
190-93 scoring edge.

This result tied the brief but highly-competitive across-the-border series, 2-2, with the four games decided by a combined total of 13 points.

Andover handed the state champs their only loss last year, 18-11, and won 21-20 two years ago after the Hawks took the first meeting, 16-14.

Andover's balanced scoring is led by sophomore Buddy Farnham with 42 points and Stevens with 36.

Hennessy and Ghandchi have 30 points apiece, Keefe 22 and Newman 18. Dennis Collins, Ryan Donahue, Mike Muccio and Vining have six points each.



◀ Buddy Farnham (46) runs for a short gain in the homecoming game against Chelmsford.

At right, Jovany Santos (20) is stopped for no gain by a wall of Chelmsford defenders. ▶

GAME SUMMARIES



CHELMSFORD 42, ANDOVER 12

at Lovely Field, Andover
Chelmsford 14 7 21 0 42
Andover 0 6 6 0 12
C: Dave Leach 42 run (Leach rush)
C: Leach 7 run (pass failed)
C: Leach 3 pass from Bruce Rich (Corey Chagnon kick)
A: Ben Newman 1 run (kick blocked)
C: Leach 16 run (Chagnon kick)
A: Buddy Farnham 24 pass from Geoff Stevens (rush failed)
C: Adam McHugh 1 pass from Rich (Chagnon kick)
C: Leach 55 pass from Rich (Chagnon kick)

Team Statistics

First Downs: Chelmsford 15; Andover 10
Rushes/Yards: Chelmsford 33-290; Andover 22-28
Passing: Chelmsford 9-16-0, 108 yards, 3 TDs; Andover 9-21-1, 120 yards, TD
Total Yards: Chelmsford 398; Andover 148
Scrimmage Plays: Chelmsford 57; Andover 48
Records: Andover 5-4; Chelmsford 8-1

Individual Statistics

Rushing: A. Matt Hennessy 6-15; C. Dave Leach 18-181, 4 TDs; Bruce Rich 7-69; Bobby Brown 3-20; Bobby Gill 6-20
Passing: A. Geoff Stevens 9-21-1, 120 yards; C. Bruce Rich 9-16-0, 108 yards, 3 TDs
Receiving: A. Buddy Farnham 5-67, TD; C. Dave Leach 4-17, TD; Adam McHugh 3-19; TD: Alex Kennedy 1-17

EXETER, N.H. 10, ANDOVER 7

at Eustis Field, Exeter, N.H.
Andover 0 0 0 7 7
Exeter 7 0 0 3 10

First Quarter

E: Brett Coffey 31 fumble recovery return (Brad Rowe kick)

Second Quarter

No scoring

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

A: Chris Vining 3 pass from Geoff Stevens (Joel Keefe kick)
E: Rowe 26 field goal

Team Statistics

First Downs: Andover 12; Exeter 8
Rushes/Yards: Andover 39-89; Exeter 36-132
Passing: Andover 10-19-2, 65 yards, TD; Exeter 1-7-0, 21 yards
Total Yards: Andover 154; Exeter 153
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 2-2; Exeter 2-2
Punts/Ave: Andover 6-34.1
Penalties/Yards: Andover 5-35; Exeter 3-20
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 66; Exeter 50
Records: Andover 5-3; Exeter 9-0

Individual Statistics

Rushing: A. Matt Hennessy 13-44; Shaheen Ghandchi 12-43; Buddy Farnham 2-9; Geoff Stevens 11-3; Tim White 1-10
Passing: A. Geoff Stevens 10-18-2, 65 yards, TD; Tom White 0-1-0
Receiving: A. Buddy Farnham 5-41; Dennis Collins 2-16; Ben Newman 1-8; Chris Vining 1-3, TD; Shaheen Ghandchi 1-3
Interceptions: A. None
Fumble Recoveries: A. Larry Masse 1, Mike Muccio 1
Tackles: A. Tom White 7, Mike Muccio 7, Matt Wolfman 6, Phil Perkins 6, John Fox 5, Matt Hennessy 5, Buddy Farnham 4, Nate Wiech 3, Brett Herlihy 3, Jason Shoemaker 3, Larry Masse 2, Kyle MacKenzie 2, Quincy Torres 1, Josh Burke 1

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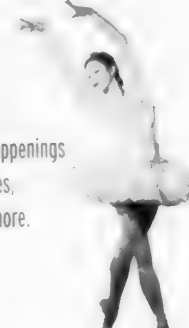
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



The fall 2003 season at Lorica Artworks brings new artists and new work together in a show collectively called "Silent Poetry," opening Friday Nov. 21, with a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A group of 26 diverse contemporary artists presents a fresh look at everyday surroundings in a comprehensive selection of lushly painted oils, pastels and watercolors featuring panoramic views of Ireland, France and New England. One of the paintings, an oil, called "A Fresh Breeze, Antrim Coast" by Irish artist John Manson, is shown above. Lorica Artworks is located on the lower level of One Elm Square.

Thursday, November 13

Reading, poet Deborah Warren will read from her new book *The Size of Happiness*, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Fundraiser, wine tasting and silent auction for the YWCA of Lawrence, with support from First Essex Bank, Messina's Liquor, \$50, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Andover Country Club, tickets available at Messina's Liquors and the YWCA of Greater Lawrence; Christina Doherty 978-687-0331 Ext. 21, cdoherty@ywcawlawrence.org.

Fundraiser, Quota International of Andover partnering with On-Stage Dramatic Society of Merrimack College will present *Don't Drink the Water*, \$35, 6:30-7:30 p.m. wine and cheese reception prior to performance, Cascia Hall opposite the Rogers Center, 8 p.m. performance, Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover; Mary Beth Nason 978-474-0953.

Training, the Elder Services and the Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Partnership will sponsor "The Facts About Alzheimer's Disease and How to Use Local Community Resources," educational training for faith community leaders, lay staff and pastoral counselors of all denominations, free, noon-1:30 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; reservations Barbara Brandt-Saret 1-800-892-0890 Ext. 347.

Demonstration, a representative from KaBloom in Reading will demonstrate seasonal flower arrangements, free, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Theater, the Top Notch Players will perform *As You Like It*, \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students, 8 p.m., Top Notch Theatre, Spurr Building, Haverhill Campus; Jim Murphy 978-556-3374.

Fundraiser, All Care Visiting Nurse Association will host its annual charity of wine tasting and an auction "A Matter of Taste," \$40, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliott St., Danvers; 1-800-246-2449.

Meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc., stories of a 12-year-old girl and an 87-year-old woman on why "It's Never Too Early and Never Too Late to Start Your Own Business," \$10, at the door, 7 p.m., Village Green Restaurant, Route 1 North, Newbury Street, Danvers; Elaine Abramo 978-744-6911, www.



Walsingham Gallery opens painter Ronal Parlin's show "A Slower Pace" with a reception this Saturday, Nov. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Above is Parlin's "American Welcome," an oil painting. The gallery is located at 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport. Call 978-499-4411, or e-mail info@thewalsinghamgallery.com.

.h-b-n.org.

Live music, Peter Prince, 8 p.m., \$8, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Andrew McKnight, 7:30 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery and Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; call for prices 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Friday, November 14

Musical, The Merrimack Junior Theatre will present *Free to Be You and Me*, \$8, 7:30 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium, tickets can be purchased at Strawberry Tree, Andover Department of Community Services, from cast members or at the door if available; gediman@comcast.net.

Live music, the Music Department of Phillips Academy will present an organ recital, the program will feature the music of Bach, Buxtehude, Langlais, Mendelssohn, Franck and others, free, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4995, music@andover.edu.

Reading, Tobias Wolff will read from his new novel *Old School*, free, 7 p.m., Kemper Auditorium, Chapel Ave., Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4185, music@andover.edu.

Dance, Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance presents *Jazz Confessions*, and a live performance by student vocalist Ariel Gold, \$3, 7 p.m., Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy campus, reservations call the PA Box office at 978-749-4433.

Film, A GBL film, *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love*, 7:30 p.m., preceded by optional pot luck and discussion 6:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

Fundraiser, Shawheen Village Woman's Club, scholarship fundraising bridge and luncheon, \$20, United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, call for reservation and time; Bette Keefe 978-475-0339.

Auction, dinner, dancing, silent and live auction to support Bancroft School, \$50, 7 p.m., Andover Country Club, for tickets call Julie McLaughlin 978-475-5171, or Ann Weld 978-247-7145.

Theater, Colonial Chorus Players presents *Working*, Andover residents include director Dana Bissett; choreographer Alice Pascucci; cast includes Ben Pascucci as Joe; Kathleen Wackowski as Mill Worker and ensemble member Mary Anne Ronan, \$12-\$15, 8 p.m., Parker Middle School, Reading; 781-944-9780, www.colonialchorus.com.

Theater, Andover resident Michael Levy stars in Theatre To Go's production of *Crimes of the Heart*, \$12-\$14, 8 p.m., St. James United Methodist Church, 50 Central St., Stoneham, tickets 781-279-0835, or the box office a half hour before each performance; ttinfo@comcast.net or visit www.theatretogo.com.

Raffle, Turkey Cheer, Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall, raffle of turkeys, hams, fruit baskets, admission free, 7 p.m., 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; 978-686-5712.

Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Mike Fahey, Lance Buchanan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-

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Cast of *Tommy* rocks on

By Ben Heliman

It was a rocky start, but Andover High School students say they are ready to rock in their production of *The Who's Tommy*.

After changing its directing staff (see related story, page 1), switching rehearsals from afternoons to nights and tackling an entirely different show than they have before — a rock opera — students had concerns. But as the final push toward production begins many are now excited.

The show runs Thursday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. each night, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Nov. 23 at the Collins Center. Tickets are \$15, \$8 for seniors on Thursday only. AHS students get in for half price with student identification.

Students say the rock score is what excites them most. Having last put up *Les Miserables*, a musical of near operatic proportions, the kids are now able to belt out rock ballads and sing in a way many had never tried. They are also psyched about the student rock band that has been rehearsing on its own for more than a month and will be on stage during the production.

"Singing rock music is a new thing for many of us," said Briga Heelan, an AHS junior who plays Mrs. Walker, Tommy's mother. She last played Mother in a youth production of *Ragtime* at North Shore Music Theatre, a professional playhouse in Beverly.

Rock is not a new thing for Dale Spollett, a frequent lead singer for AHS garage bands and leading man in area musical productions. Spollett is playing Captain Walker, Tommy's father. "This is hard-core rock. You get to use a completely different voice," said Spollett.

"Everyone's playing very different characters," said Lynette Toomey, an AHS senior. Toomey has made a name for herself at school and in area musical productions for playing sweet-voiced ingenues. But in this production, Toomey, a soprano, is strapping on six-inch high-heel platform shoes, garter belts, and a skirt and tube top to match. Toomey is the Gypsy Queen and has one big number and scene in the show where she tries to seduce Tommy.

Vocally it is a switch as well. Toomey's has to belt in two octaves — a wide range for a singer — for the role. "It's really hard," she said.

The cast is led by relative



Ryan Gilmore plays the titular character in the musical *The Who's Tommy* to be performed at the Andover High School's Collins Center, off Shawsheen Road, next Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

newcomer Ryan Gilmore as Tommy. Gilmore has not played a lead in AHS productions before and admitted it was a tough job. "It's a lot of hard work. I'm not usually used to this kind of stress," he said.

Tommy is a staged version of The Who's 1969 album of the same title. The story is of a boy who witnesses a murder and represses it entirely, becoming deaf, dumb and blind. Tommy is discovered to be a pinball savant and when he recovers from his childhood trauma he becomes a celebrity. The play explores sex and sexual abuse and may not be appropriate for younger viewers.

The play is directed by Mike Bucco of the Walnut Hill School of Performing Arts in Natick and Tina Parker, who has choreographed many shows at AHS. It is music-directed by Steve Black. All of the staff knew Sepich from the University of New Hampshire, where they all graduated.

The rehearsals for this show have had to be held at night to accommodate Bucco's duties at the Walnut Hill School. Students said it has been an adjustment getting used to a new director and adjusting to the new hours, which make the school day significantly longer for many of them.

Students seem to approve of Bucco's direction. "He's a great director. They each have their style to bring," said Spollett. Other students said it was good to be exposed to a new directing style.



Briga Heelan (right) plays Tommy's mother.



From left are Ned Berger, playing Uncle Ernie; Ryan Jennings, playing a young Tommy; and Joey Abisso, playing Cousin Kevin.

SUSAN SEPIC

TV gives drama teacher new look

■ EXTREME MAKEOVER

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will see each other will be at the altar on the day of their wedding. Sepich said being separated has been the hardest part. "We talk on the phone several times a day to coordinate wedding plans and the rest of the time right now is being spent recuperating, resting and going to doctors' appointments," she wrote.

"This experience has been truly a gift for both of us. I feel as if I have won the lottery in so many ways. First for being given the gift of repairing the damage that I did to my body by overeating, and second, for marrying the man I have waited for my whole life," wrote Sepich.

Andover High students have been offered special hotel rates at Disney World to attend the wedding. Students estimated that five or six students will be able to make it. Sepich said 100 people have said they would attend. Sepich is expected to return to Andover High after winter break.

Junior Kara McCall has worked on 10 drama productions with Sepich. McCall considers Sepich a friend and her personal role model because McCall's ambition is to be a director. McCall said the biggest ques-

tion for many students will be how to respond to Sepich when she returns. "I don't think she's going to change that much," said McCall.

McCall and others said they didn't think Sepich was in need of plastic surgery. "I would never have thought she needed it, but mentally, she thought she did," said McCall. Students said Sepich was heavier when she was growing up and lost a large amount of weight. Sepich said in her e-mail that she doesn't expect to look very different. "My teeth may be a little whiter and I might look a little younger (here's hoping), but that's about it," she wrote.

Senior AHS student Lynette Toomey has been in many shows directed by Sepich and plans to attend the wedding in Florida. *Extreme Makeover* is her favorite show. "I was so excited for her. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said.

Toomey is a lead in *Tommy* and said acting in an AHS show without Sepich has "been really, really weird."

The musical was taken over by Mike Bucco of the Walnut Hill School of Performing Arts in Natick, and Tina Parker, who has choreographed many shows at

AHS. Bucco and Sepich are both graduates of the University of New Hampshire and know each other.

AHS Principal Peter Anderson wouldn't comment on Sepich's absence as it was a personnel matter, but he described Bucco as "eminently well-qualified."

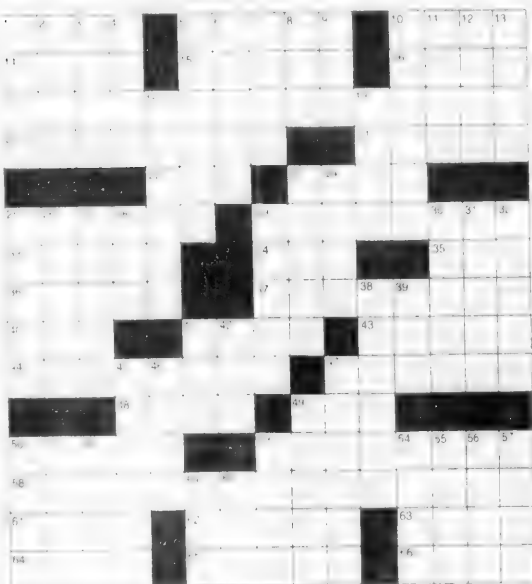
Retired teacher and frequent substitute Doug Halsted has taken over Sepich's drama classes. AHS graduate Jennifer D'Onofrio has taken over chorus classes. Both have experience. Halsted has worked on all but two AHS theater productions since 1968 and D'Onofrio is a voice teacher who has stepped in to lead the chorus before.

Sepich became the drama teacher at AHS in September 2000. Before that she taught in Andover for five years at Bancroft, West and South elementary schools. As a director at AHS, Sepich has exposed kids to the cutting edge of available musicals and play materials. Last year, AHS was one of the first high schools to perform a version of the Broadway hit *Les Miserables*. She has kept AHS active in drama festivals and had students write and develop their own material for performances.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Small lake
5. Albert, French philosopher
10. Australian aborigine (slang)
14. Premium or discount on bills of exchange from other countries
15. A woody climbing plant
16. A very wise person
17. Escape from town
20. Lets go
21. Kind of chair
22. A place to sleep
23. Farm building
25. Arteriodactyls
29. "Death of a ..."
33. Lower in esteem
34. Elder Gershwin
35. Company's first offer to sell stock to the public
36. Huron and Erie
37. Poem of six six-line stanzas and a triplet
40. Decorate with frosting
41. Netherlands river
43. Feel deep affection for
44. Goodbye
47. Hurts (slang)
48. Friend (slang)
49. South Sea arrowroot
50. Feet or measures (poetry)
53. Remove oil
58. Overreact (slang)
61. Sports aficionados
62. Throw with great effort
63. Afrikaans



CLUES DOWN

1. A wild goat
2. Phil, former CIA
3. Monetary unit of Iran
4. A knot, knob or swelling

5. Shuts

6. Opened
7. Floor or table coverings
8. Univ. of New Hampshire (abbr.)
9. So (Scottish)
10. Filipinos, for example
11. Used for healing or soothing
12. A way to look
13. Dried leaves of the hemp plant

18. Legends
19. This place
23. Exposés
24. Expression of sorrow or pity
25. California (abbr.)
26. Manila hemp
27. Manufacturer
28. Compass point
29. Plant fiber used for making rope
30. Inferior in importance
31. Aside
32. Smelling organs
38. Karsavina, Nijinski's partner
39. Potato state, abbr.
41. Became acquainted
42. Brew
45. A way to imprint
46. A homeless child
47. Breathed deeply
49. Annoy
50. Not definite (slang)
51. Wings (archaic)
52. Tropical Asian starlings
53. Woody herb with showy yellow flowers and flattish pods
54. Within, prefix
55. Hebrew calendar month
56. Thick piece of something
57. Soft-finned fishes
59. Frictional horsepower, abbr.
60. Extensively cultivated in China and Japan and India

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Harvest bazaar, treasures, food and more, proceeds benefit Aldergate UMC budget, admission free, 6-9 p.m., Aldergate UMC, 235 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-2951.

Live music, Jeffery Gaines, 8 p.m., \$15-\$17, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Opera, Lowell Opera Company presents Act IV highlights of Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* with the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring Andover residents tenor Evan Denmark and soprano Ann Cobleigh, free, 8 p.m., Butler Middle School, Lowell; cpuntoni@comcast.net.

Fundraiser, the American Textile History Museum honors the museum's 2003 Community Service Award recipients Charlotte LaPierre, executive director of Lowell Sun Charities and Nancy Lublin, founder of Dress for Success, \$150, \$250 and \$500 per person, 6-11 p.m., attire is black tie optional, with personal style encouraged; 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400, Ext. 234, www.ahm.org.

Art exhibit and sale, Saltbox Gallery presents *Artists' Bounty*, exhibit will feature 20 artists, hand-crafts and more, free, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., wine tasting, Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fair-

grounds, Route 1, Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

As You Like It, see Nov. 13 entry.

Saturday, November 15

Live music, Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students, featuring the music of Brahms, Glinka, Mozart, Beethoven and Mozart, free, 7 p.m., Timken Room, Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4995, music@andover.edu.

Auction, West Parish Church, ham and bean supper 5-6:30 p.m., silent auction 5-8 p.m., live auction 7-9 p.m., West Parish Church; 978-475-3528.

Benefit concert, Hope for the Children of Haiti is hosting a concert, offering, 7 p.m., Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; 781-937-8338, www.hfc-haiti.org/Home/Concert.html.

Robotics workshop, Motion Dynamics lead by Robo Tech Center for grades 1-5, workshop on robotics, construct a simple robot using computer-aided instructions, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Andover High School, pre-registration required, call for prices; DCS, 978-623-8274, www.robotechcenter.com.

Live music, Les Sampou, \$15, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m., New Moon Coffeehouse, Jct. Routes 110 and 125, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; tickets at Andover Bookstore or by phone 978-779-0393, www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

Fun fall social, dinner, dessert and dancing 6 p.m., entertainment 8 p.m., \$15, payment will be taken at the door, all proceeds benefit North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover, reservations 978-687-7948.

Tour, walking tour, *When Cotton Was King*, explore the role of cotton in the world economy and how it influenced New England manufacturing and labor, free, 2:30 p.m., meet at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; reservations recommended 978-970-5000.

Winter holiday festival, floral arrangements, holiday decorations, Santa and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Stevens Estate, Osgood Hill, North Andover; 978-685-5320.

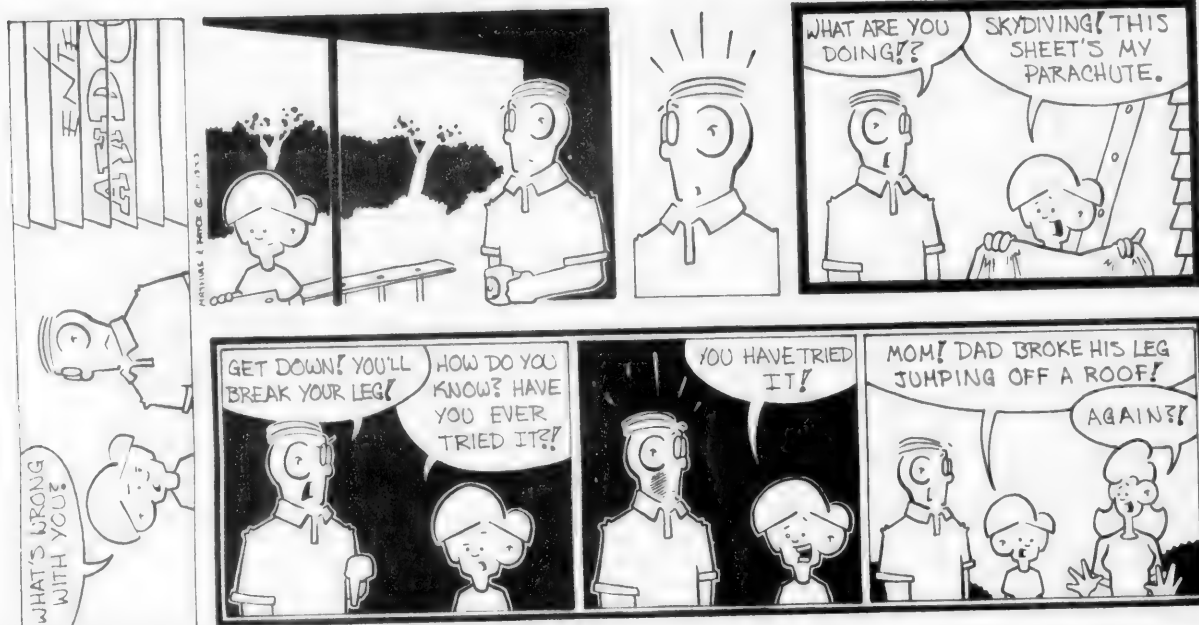
Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Mike Fahey, Lance Buchanan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, two shows, Lori McKenna, \$15-\$17, 7 p.m., Cheryl Arena Band, \$8, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

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Open house, Purple Sage Pottery, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 3 Mechanic St., Studio D. Merrimack: 978-346-9978

Beef for Books Dinner, sponsored by MAPA (Mission to Paraiso, Now!), First United Methodist Church of North Andover, event will raise money to purchase textbooks for the children of the parochial school in the village of Paraiso, Dominican Republic, featuring a complete roast beef meal, \$10 per adult, children 6-12 years \$5, under 6 free, 6-8 p.m., 57 Peters St., North Andover; reservations 978-658-5305.

Artist reception, painter Ronal Parlin, 5-8 p.m., Walsingham Gallery, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport: 978-499-4411, info@thewalsinghamgallery.com

As You Like It, see Nov. 13 entry.

Free to Be You and Me, see Nov. 14 entry.

Jazz Confessions, see Nov. 14 entry.

Crimes of the Heart, see Nov. 14 entry.

Working, see Nov. 14 entry.

Sunday, November 16

Live music, Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Academy Concert Band and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco, free, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 978-749-4995, music@andover.edu.

Workshop, "The Chemistry of



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Appraisal day, hosted by Lawrence History Center, three of the nine appraisers are from Andover, Sandra Dent of Windsonan Collectibles, Bob Frishman of Bell-Time Clocks, and David Rodger of Andover Books & Prints, admission free, \$5 for each item appraised, Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence: 978-686-9230.

Open house, St. John's Preparatory School invites prospective students and their families to attend Admissions Information Sessions 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, 72 Spring St., Danvers: 978-774-1050 Ext. 304.

Live music, Andover Chamber Music Series presents *Remembrance and Hope*, \$20-\$25, 4 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover: 978-474-6222, www.andoverchambermusic.org

Live music, Middlesex Community College's fall concert series *A World of Music* presents Boston Recorder Society's Concordia Con-

sort, free, 7:30 p.m., MCC Theater, 5 E. Merrimack St., Lowell: 781-280-3923.



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Live music, Hollow and Friends, 6 p.m., \$5-\$7, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell: 978-453-5755.

Opening reception, and awards ceremony.



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PHOTO2003 Black and White Classic Juried Photography Show, free, 2-4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market Mills St., Lowell: 978-459-7819.

Live music, Fall Jazz Series, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jack Senior and Mark Carlsen, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bar and Grill, Ipswich: 978-356-7006.

As You Like It, see Nov. 13 entry.

Free to Be You and Me, 2 p.m., see Nov. 14 entry.

Crimes of the Heart, 2 p.m., see Nov. 14 entry.

Art exhibit, see Nov. 14 entry.

Open house, noon-5 p.m., see Nov. 15 entry.

Monday, November 17

Fundraiser, Employee Activities Committee (EAC) at Merrimack Valley Hospital is holding a Bag Ali Fundraising Sale, bags, luggage, wallets, briefcases, and more on sale at forty to sixty percent off department store prices with proceeds benefiting the EAC, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., lobby, Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill: 978-521-8651, www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com.

Tuesday, November 18

Screening, Andover Public Schools will conduct a series of screening for preschool children ages 3 and 4



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Lecture, Northeast Chapter of the Mass. Archaeological Society lecture on "Daily Living Beyond the Stones and Pots" with speaker Tonya Largy, free, 7:30 p.m., Peabody Museum, corner of Main and Phillips streets: 978-749-4490.

Meeting, AARP hosts Denise Van Campen, owner of Van Campen's Antiques to discuss finding uses for those old things that are hard to part with, free, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court: 978-475-6698.

Dance, UMass Lowell Center for the Arts hosts FLY Dance Company of Houston, Texas, \$5-\$10, 7:30 p.m., Durgin Concert Hall, 35 Wilder St., UMass Lowell South Campus: 978-934-4444.

Live music, Yoron Israel Trio, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford: 978-374-8001.

Wednesday, November 19

Public forum, "Homeland Security Issues in Andover," panelists include Brian Pettullo, chief of police, Claudia Bach, superintendent of schools, Barbara L'Italiani, state representative from Andover, and Charles Murnane, Fire Depart-

ment chief (invited), free, 7-9 p.m., Memorial Hall Library: 978-623-8401.

Presentation, Andover High School Counseling Department will present an "Information Session for Parents of 8th-Graders considering Private Schools," 7-8:30 p.m., Andover High School Library: High School Counseling Department 978-623-8607.

Poetry, Powow River Poets Reading Series, 7:30 p.m., Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water St., Newburyport: www.newburyportart.org.

Adult Bible Study, discussion on *The DaVinci Codes*, 7:30 p.m., Park House Parlor, Second Congregational Church of Boxford: Christi Humphrey 978-352-2127.

Thursday, November 20

Musical, The Who's *Tommy*, \$15, AHS students \$8 with ID, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center, Shawsheen Road: 978-623-8666.

Reading, author William Martin will read from his new book *Harvard Yard*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore,

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Thursday, November 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Theater opening. *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged), The Fringe Players, (a group of Northern Essex Community College theater alumni) benefit performance, \$20, 7:30 p.m., Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport; 978-462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

Live music. John Wesley Harding, 6 p.m., \$13-\$15, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Friday, November 21

Live comedy. Paul D'Angelo, Danny Kelly, Mike O'Neil, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-

8088.

Fall craft fair and art auction. festivities include an authentic Texas chili supper to benefit Boy Scout troop 81, and a silent art auction featuring local artists, 6-8:30 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-4445, www.natritarian.org.

Live music. two shows, Patty Larkin, 7 and 10 p.m., \$20-\$22, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music. Middlesex Community College's fall concert series. *A World of Music* presents oboist John Ferillo and pianist Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, free, 7:30 p.m., MCC Theater, 5 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 781-280-3923.

Tommy. see Nov. 20 entry.

Saturday, November 22

Book signing. illustrator Vicky Enright will sign copies of her new book *Read Anything Good Lately?* 3:30-4:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Live music. the Spectrum Singers featuring Andover resident Carl Bewig will hold a pre-Advent and Christmas concert, 8 p.m., First Congregational Church, 11 Garden St., Cambridge; 617-492-8902.

Live music. Third Eye Blind, \$30, 8 p.m., Sakowich Campus Center Multi-Purpose Room, Merrimack College, North Andover, tickets at the Info Desk, first floor of the Sakowich Campus Center weekdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; 978-837-5930.

Audition. the Merrimack Valley

Players are holding auditions for their spring play *Bathroom Humor*, 2-5 p.m., bring a monologue memorized 2-5 minutes long, First Baptist Church, Lawrence Street, Methuen, call for an audition slot 603-893-6226.

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Live comedy. Paul D'Angelo, Danny Kelly, Mike O'Neil, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Opera. Lowell Opera Company presents *Vivi Italia*, evening of Italian song featuring Andover resident soprano Christina Puntoni, 8 p.m., Lowell Senior Center, 276 Broadway, Lowell; 978-441-6926, www.operalowell.org.

The Greater Boston Antiques Festival. antiques exhibition with 160 antiques dealers from 11 states. Early preview 9 a.m. for \$10 admission, \$6 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington; 781-862-4039, www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

Holiday fair. crafts, raffles Santa and more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., New England Pediatric, 78 Boston Road, Billerica; all proceeds benefit multi-handicapped children and young adults at New England Pediatric Care; 978-667-5123.

Live music. two shows, Don White, \$12-\$15, 7 p.m., Rhythm Method, \$6, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music. Imagine Performing Arts Series presents *The Fools*, \$17-\$15, 7:30 p.m., Newburyport City Hall; 978-834-0367.

Artist reception. artist Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary, free, 3-6 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Fall craft fair and art auction. craft fair, indoor yard sale silent auctions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., see Nov. 21 entry.

Working. see Nov. 14 entry.

Tommy. see Nov. 20 entry.

Sunday, November 23

Live music. pianist Jacqueline Schwab, free, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8401.

Live music. Fall Jazz Series, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jack Senier and Mark Carlsen, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bar and Grill, Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

Working. 2 p.m., see Nov. 14 entry.

Tommy. 2 p.m., see Nov. 20 entry.

The Greater Boston Antiques Festival. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., see Nov. 22 entry.

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www.addisongallery.org.

Andover Historical Society, artist Doug Johnson; exhibit *Lucy's Acre: A Place in Time*, tour the Amos Blanchard House and

Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free

admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, through Dec. 12, Main Gallery *Annual Juried Show*, Elizabeth Beland Gallery, Kelly Kaczynski Installation, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

McCoy Gallery, through Nov. 21, artist Steven Carreau's exhibit "Façons" works on paper and in metal, Merrimack College; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Brush Art Gallery, Nov. 16 through Jan. 4, *Photo2003 Black and White Classic Juried Photography Show*, hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 9:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Fieldstone Meadows for a 6-Lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Gregory Circle" on property owned by the applicant, located at 11 Lowell Junction Road; more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 160 Parcels 7 & 8A. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia,
Chairman
November 6 & 13, 2003

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Robert Murray for a 5-Lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Murray Hill Estates" on property owned by the applicant, located at 138 Greenwood

Road; more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 148, Parcel 1A. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Robert Murray for a Special Permit - Watershed Protection Overlay District, in a proposed 5-Lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Murray Hill Estates" on property owned by the applicant, located at 138 Greenwood Road; more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 148, Parcel 1A. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
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Chairman
November 6 & 13, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING



TOWN OF ANDOVER

BOARD OF HEALTH

A public hearing will be held by the Andover Board of Health in the 3rd and Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street,

Monday, November 24, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81U, Subdivision Control Law, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed subdivision Definitive Plan entitled, "MURRAY HILL ESTATES", revision dated 10/15/03, located off 138-144 Greenwood Road, Andover, MA as filed on 10/17/03, by Robert W. Murray, 27 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA 01830.

Dr. Douglas M. Dunbar,
Chairman
Andover Board of Health
November 13, 2003

TOWN OF ANDOVER

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ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals for the disposition of Town Owned Land at 41 Lowell Junction Road, Andover, MA will be received at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, Massachusetts 01810 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened. The time received will be stamped on each bid and for consistency of time, the wall clock in the Purchasing Office will be the determining time.

ITEM

Proposal No. RFP002/11-03/040
disposition of Town Owned Land at 41 Lowell Junction Road, Andover MA

OPENING

December 16, 2003
4:00 P.M.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA.

No proposer may withdraw his proposal for a period of Ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

No security is required on this bid.

Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all proposals or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town.

Elaine M. Shola
Purchasing Agent
November 13 & 20, 2003

TOWN OF ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Robert Murray for a Special Permit for Earth Movement, under Section 6.3. of the Zoning By-Law, said application associated with a 5-Lot Definitive

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David S. Maxey and Mitra T. Gilani also known as Mitra Maxey to Mortgage Master, Inc. dated September 11, 1996 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4593, Page 37 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 P.M., on the 2nd day of December, 2003, on the premises known as 106 Colonial Drive, Andover, Essex County (Northern District), Massachusetts, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

The land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, being Lot 12, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Colonial Hill at Andover, Subdivision and Acceptance Plan Owner: SRE Realty Trust, Address: 851 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Engineer: Merrimack Engineering Services, Address: 66 Park Street, Andover, MA Scale 1"=40' Date: June 1988" said plan being recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan #10062. Reference is made to the aforementioned lots for a more particular description.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Gueatta & Benson, at 9 Acton Road, Suite #10, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

Present holder of said Mortgage
St. Paul Asset Management Company
by its Attorneys
Gueatta & Benson
Peter V. Gueatta, Esquire
9 Acton Road
Suite #10
Chelmsford, MA 01824
October 31, 2003

November 6, 13 & 20, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert Lottatore and Patricia Lottatore to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated December 23, 1999 and recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5647, Page 212 of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, FKA Northwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee, without recourse is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 3 Pondview Place, Andover, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on December 1, 2003, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated at and known as 3 Pondview Place, being Lot No. 2, being a portion of the land on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision and Acceptance Plan Pond View Place", Subdivider: William H. & Carol Strout; Engineer: Merrimack Engineering Services, Inc., Address: 66 Park St., Andover, Mass. 01810; Scale 1"=40', Date: November 12, 1982, being Plan No. 9091 and recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds c1 March 23, 1983; said Lot containing 30,050 square feet of land according to said plan, together with the right to use, pass and repass over the private ways as shown on said plan, and to use said roads for all purposes for which such roads are commonly used in the Town of Andover.

Said premises are conveyed subject to and together with the benefit of a Sewer Easement recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 2921, Page 83.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 201 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824-2307, c/o Sanjit S. Korde or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, FKA Northwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee, without recourse, present holder of said mortgage by its Attorney

Sanjit S. Korde
Korde & Associates, P.C.
201 Chelmsford Street
Chelmsford, MA 01824
(978) 256-1500

November 6, 13 & 20, 2003

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott D. Martin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated October 31, 2001 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6460, Page 278, of which mortgage Bank One, N.A., as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on November 26, 2003, on the mortgaged premises located at 3 Washington Avenue, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Easterly: by Washington Avenue, one hundred three (103) feet;
Southerly: by land now or formerly of Herbert F. Chase, seventy-five and one half (75 1/2) feet;
Westerly: by land now or formerly of Noyes, eighty-six and one thirty (86 1/3) feet; and
Northerly: by land now or formerly of Buttick, seventy-three and one-half (73 1/2) feet;
And another parcel contiguous to the westerly boundary line of the above-described parcel, bounded as follows:
Easterly: by the above-described parcel, twenty-three (23) feet;
Southerly: by land now or formerly of Herbert F. Chase, thirty-five (35) feet;
Westerly: by land now or formerly of one McFarlin, about twenty-three (23) feet; and
Northerly: by land now or formerly of one Roggerman, thirty-eight (38) feet.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6460, Page 276.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

BANK ONE, N.A. AS TRUSTEE OF THE AMORTIZING RESIDENTIAL COLLATERAL TRUST, 2002-BC1
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr., Esquire
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
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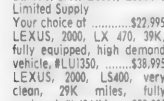


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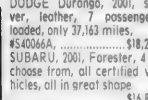
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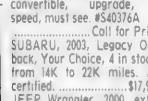
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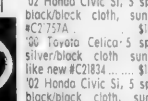


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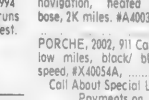
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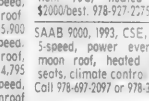


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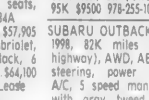
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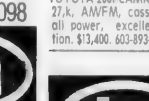
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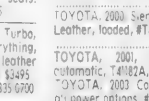


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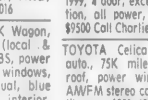
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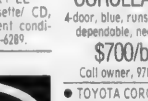
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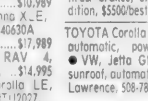


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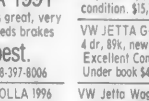
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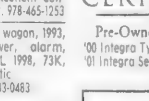


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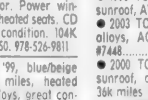
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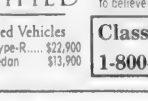


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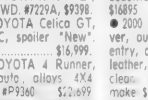
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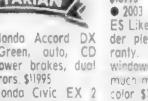
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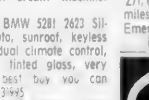
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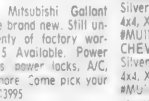
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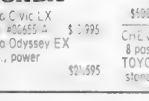


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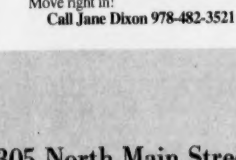
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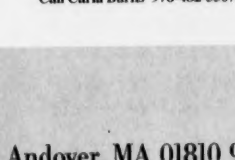
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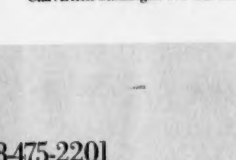
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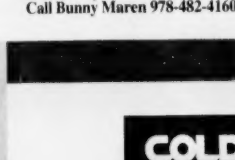
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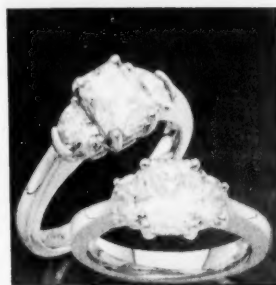
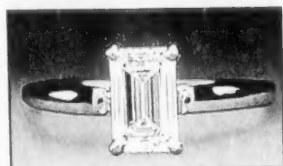


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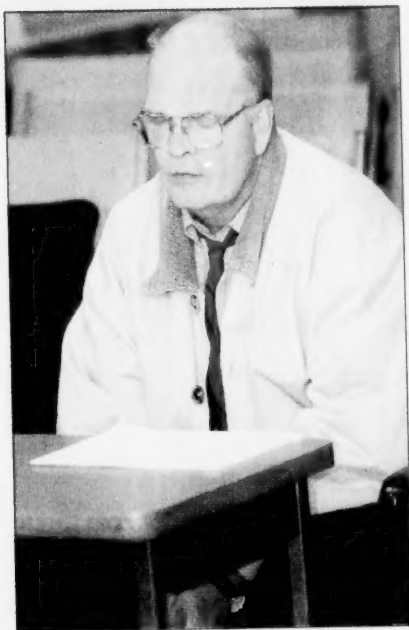


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Department of Education, responding to parent complaints and news articles, has given Andover until Dec. 5 to submit a plan to increase the amount of time students are being taught in the classroom. Principal Peter Anderson, shown at Tuesday night's School Committee meeting, contends he doesn't know of one high school in Massachusetts that offers 990 instructional hours.

'Too many study halls'

Andover must submit plan to increase high school class time to DOE by Dec. 5

By Ben Hellman

Andover is not offering high school students enough classroom time and the state has demanded the schools to present a plan to solve the problem in three weeks. Superintendent Claudia Bach said it was important to comply with the law, but the School Committee hasn't set aside any time to discuss the potentially costly plan before the deadline.

Responding to a parent complaint and news articles publicizing Andover High School's shortage of classroom time, the Massachusetts Department of Education has given Andover until Friday, Dec. 5 to submit a plan to increase the amount of time students are being taught. In a letter, the DOE instructed Bach to submit a plan to add 130 hours of classroom instruction to student's days by the 2004-05 school year. Bach must also submit a plan that increases student classroom time for the rest of the current school year.

"The plan must demonstrate that the district will increase for the balance of the 2003-04 school year the total instructional hours provided to students. In addition, the district is required to describe how the 2004-05 school year calendar, as approved by the Andover School Committee, will ensure full compliance with the Student Learning Time Regulations for both elementary and secondary school programs in Andover," wrote John Stager, DOE administrator in Program Quality Assurance Services.

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Who owns downtown?

Main Street landlords meet with Finegold to discuss appearance

By Andrea Gregory

Andover State Rep. Barry Finegold recently met with downtown landlords to confront them about one of his "pet peeves" — seeing in-demand properties that define Andover's downtown, falling short of his idea of standards when it comes to upkeep and appearance.

Finegold is not going after all of the building owners, but he figured an invitation to discuss the problems with the entire group of Main Street property owners was a good place to start.

The talk centered around the effects of Andover's forthcoming, multi-million dollar makeover — a project that will use state and Town Meeting approved funds to beautify the area. (See sidebar story, page 4.)

Finegold said if the state and residents' tax dollars are going to contribute to a new look, the end result does not deserve to be spoiled by certain "eyesores." He said he would like

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to see landlords each doing their part to uphold the overall appeal of Andover's gem of a downtown area.

According to Lisa Schwarz, senior town planner and liaison to the Main Street Committee, the gathering was a great opportunity to inform downtown property owners about the transformation of the area.

As for the turnout, 12 of the 19 owners showed up, which shows great

interest, she said. She said out of the seven who were not there, three of them called beforehand.

"We only stuck with Main Street," she said, indicating that meant the stretch between Lewis Street and Pynchard Avenue.

But those numbers were not enough to please Finegold.

"The good people were there, and the bad people weren't there. I'm not satisfied," said Finegold. "For those landlords that weren't there, they were

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Some people leave tips for good service; some tip automatically, regardless of the quality of the service they receive. Above, a customer leaves a tip after paying at a coffee shop. Others, when asked, would never dream of tipping after buying a cup of coffee.

Tipping in town

Residents' opinions vary about when to tip for service

By Ben Hellman

To TIP OR NOT TO TIP — that is the question. With the number of workers who perform personal services in most people's lives, the answer is not always an easy one.

Most people know that waitresses make the majority of their pay from tips, and a 15- to 20-per-

cent tip is standard. Beyond that, people say the rules for tipping aren't as well-defined. From the barber shop to the hotel room to the coffee shop tip cup, tipping is a personal choice.

On a recent week night at Palmer's Restaurant, patrons Dennis Linane of North Reading and Mike Spiro, here on a business

trip from Chicago, were at the bar for drinks.

The men are model tippers. Spiro worked in bars and food service in the '60s and '70s. He said when he tended bar, women didn't tip well because they weren't used to paying for themselves. "Girls didn't know how to tip because

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POLICE PRESENCE ON WEDNESDAY

Graffiti threat at Doherty causes concern

By Ben Hellman

There was a police presence at Doherty Middle School yesterday, Wednesday, at *Townsmen* presstime, after graffiti was found scribbled by someone threatening violence to the school. The graffiti threat was written in ballpoint pen in a back hallway of the school used by janitors.

The threat was, "IM (sic) going to shot-up (sic) the school on the 19."

Andover Police Lt. James Hashem said that there would be increased security at the school for an undisclosed period of time. He would not specify the plans for the sake of security. "We are taking extra security precautions," said Hashem.

The graffiti was discovered last Thursday, Nov. 13, in the morning on a fuse box in an area that is not used by students and usually kept dark. An electrician was working in the area and found the message, which Principal Floyd McManus described as "barely discernible."

Hashem said that the message could have been there for days or months, but not years.

Andover Police were informed immediately, and McManus sent a letter to parents describing the situation the same day.

McManus described security measures that would be taken in

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2003 MIAA All-State Championship Meet

5th straight crown for AHS swimmers

By Rick Harrison

The flashing red, white and blue lights moving along Route 125, down Main Street and on to Andover High Sunday evening could mean only one thing.

The AHS girls swim and dive team had done it again.

The police escort signaled another state championship for the Lady Warriors.

Parlaying its incomparable depth and talent, with double individual wins by senior Liz Mancuso and sophomore Caitlin Doherty, the locals rolled to an easier-than-anticipated victory over a field of more than 40 schools at the 2003 MIAA

All-State Championship Meet held at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool.

Mancuso placed first in the 50- and 100-freestyle sprint races, while Doherty captured the 100 butterfly and 500 free, as Andover scored in every event except the one-meter diving on the way to 245 team points.

Acton-Boxboro, which gave Andover a run for its money at the North Sectionals a week earlier, finished a distant second at 127.

Notre Dame Academy of Hingham was third at 125.5, and rounding out the top six schools were South Sectional champ Seekonk (107), Bel-

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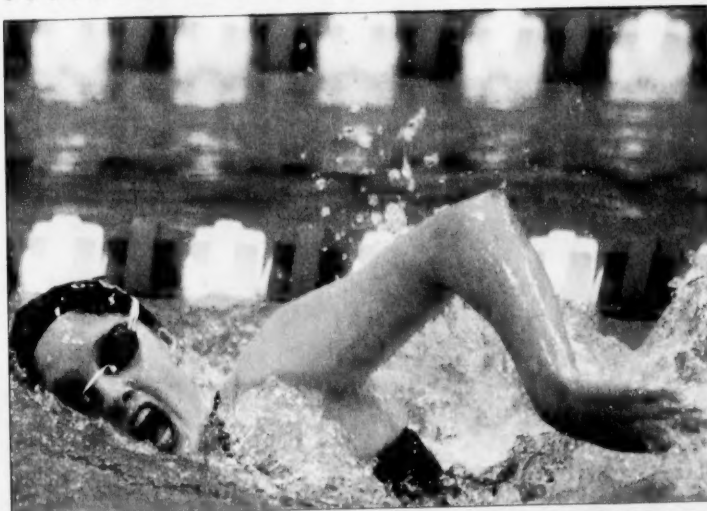
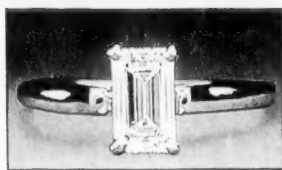
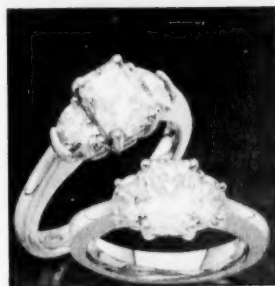


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Sophomore Caitlin Doherty is on her way to win the 500-yard freestyle race for Andover High at the 2003 MIAA All-State Championship Meet Sunday, Nov. 16 at Harvard University. Andover won the state championship by more than 100 points.



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